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U.S. Ambassador Frances D. Cook '67, relaxing by her Yaounde pool with the children of a Cameroonian political prisoner

Top photo: After helicopter-borne landing in Persian Gulf on U.S. aircraft carrier

Bottom photo: Visiting with tribal and Muslim religious leaders in Cameroon

See article on page 2.

Mary Washington College's proposed Alumni Executive Center; Quinn Evans, architects.
Illustration by Richard Chenoweth, A.I.A.

Greetings,

We have just concluded an outstanding academic year at the College, and welcomed more than 800 bright new graduates to our alumni association. In order to accommodate our growing numbers, we are developing some exciting plans for the new Alumni Executive Center. This color rendering captures the conceptual plan, which provides for the renovation of Trench Hill into first-class guest suites and the addition of state-of-the-art conference facilities, entertainment space, and work area for the Offices of Alumni Relations and College Advancement.

On May 19, we officially kicked off the leadership campaign to raise the necessary funds to build the Center, which will be dedicated to the proud alumni and friends of Mary Washington College. Alice Andrews Jepson '64 is chairing the campaign. She and her husband, Robert S. Jepson, Jr., have generously pledged $2 million toward the $5.6 million project. Although the campaign has just begun, already alumni are coming forward with gifts and pledges for this spectacular project.

There are a limited number of naming opportunities, which are being offered on a first-come, first-served basis, to prominently honor our benefactors in this beautiful new complex. If you would like information about such gifts, the campaign, or the architectural plans, please feel free to contact the Office of College Advancement at (540) 654-1024 or jrountre@mwc.edu.

With your help, we will open this permanent home for Mary Washington College alumni in June 2004, fulfilling a vital need for the College as it enters the next century, and honoring our treasured alumni, who continue to provide the cross-generational connection that makes Mary Washington College a uniquely special alma mater.

William M. Anderson, Jr.
President

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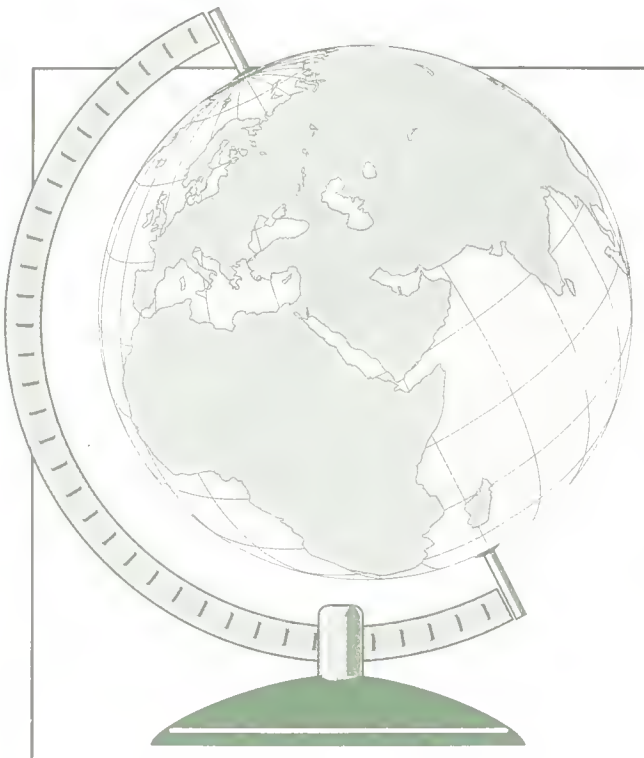


U.S. Ambassador Frances D. Cook '67

BY LEWIS P. FICKETT

Mary Washington College has had many distinguished graduates over the years, but few have exceeded the achievements of recently retired U.S. Ambassador Frances D. Cook. Ms. Cook, after pursuing our former pre-foreign service major (now international affairs), graduated from the College in 1967. Having been one of our very first graduates to pass successfully the very difficult State Department Foreign Service examination, Ambassador Cook began her foreign service career in Paris where she was a special assistant to Sargent Shriver, then U.S. ambassador to France. In 1970, she became a member of the U.S. delegation to the Paris Peace Talks on Vietnam. It was during this period in her life that she became acquainted with some of the legendary American diplomats of the 20th century such as Ambassadors Philip Habib and David K. Bruce of Virginia.

Before discussing Ambassador Cook's great achievements in the American diplomatic corps, I must recount some of my memories of her as a Mary Washington student back in the 1960s. Frances was, of course, a very highly motivated student, but it was her incredible presence which most impressed me, her other professors and her peers. I first met her when she was a freshman and I was her adviser. I couldn't believe her true academic status, thinking that she was probably a senior, "putting me on."

I think it is important to emphasize, as an inspiration to present day students, that Ambassador Cook was not only a very hard worker but that she had diverse interests and achievements. For example, in the spring of 1966, she became involved in a successful Democratic primary election campaign to defeat a powerful congressman, Howard Smith.

Another very wise decision of Ms. Cook was to spend part of her junior year abroad in Provence, France, where she became fluent in French. This accomplishment was to enhance greatly her utility and success as a young Foreign Service officer abroad. With her French fluency, Ambassador Cook was frequently called upon to attend and to mingle at diplomatic dinners abroad and in Washington.

Another very telling anecdote about Ambassador Cook's career was the story she related to us about visiting a rainforest in Cameroon. She had to undergo considerable physical hardships by having to travel on foot to visit a group of American biologists. But she always made it a priority to visit American residents working in the country to which she was accredited.

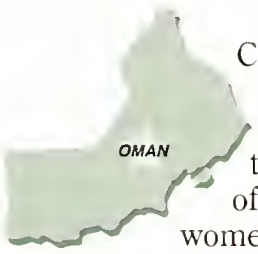
Ambassador Cook's career has been a series of firsts. She was the youngest career diplomat (FSO) ambassador (EVER,) when she was named to Burundi at age 34. She was the FIRST female head of post (as Consul General in Alexandria, Egypt) for the U.S. in the Middle East. She was the FIRST female ambassador, from any country in the world, in the Persian Gulf. In addition, Ambassador Cook has held a series of very high-level posts in Washington, such as deputy assistant secretary of state for political-military affairs, State Department liaison with the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and deputy assistant secretary of state for refugee programs.

Ms. Cook was one of my all-time best students, although, like the legendary "Mr. Chips," I have liked them all. During her recent visit here, Frances was kind enough to mention the helpful influence of a few of us. However, it was clear to me that the opportunities provided by the late professor of philosophy, Kurt Leidecker, had the most profound impact upon her. Dr. Leidecker, when he was adviser to all foreign service majors, would host a series of ambassadors from Washington at his home every two weeks and invited all foreign service majors to interact with them. It was a rare opportunity for students to meet with them.

With the local chief in Northwest Cameroon

Visit with Afghan refugees (plus some mujahedeen), and international refugee relief officials, in Pakistan's NW Frontier Province, during Russian bombing of Afghanistan

Indeed, when Ambassador Cook visited Mary Washington in the spring of 1994 to be initiated into Phi Beta Kappa, she related how she had met on one of these occasions a man she described as a "real Communist," the then Polish Ambassador to the United States. What an experience for a young Mary Washington student who later aspired to become a foreign service officer!



Ambassador Frances Cook is an inspiration to us all at Mary Washington College. At a time before the onset of affirmative action for women, Ms. Cook did it all on her own. She transcended the "glass ceiling" of her profession. All of us at Mary Washington can take just pride in her personal achievements and the educational quality of the institution which nurtured her. Since her retirement from foreign service in May 1999, Ambassador Cook has been serving as an international business consultant. She recently was awarded an LL.D. honorary degree from Shenandoah University.

Distinguished Professor Emeritus Lewis P. Fickett Jr. has taught in the political science department of Mary Washington College for 37 years. He has published extensively on Indian (South Asian) politics. From 1974 to 1982, he served in the Virginia House of Delegates, and in 1978 he was nominated to be the Democratic congressional candidate for the 7th District of Virginia. Before coming to Mary Washington, Professor Fickett served in the Foreign Service of the U.S. Department of State.

Distinguished Graduate in Residence

BY CYNTHIA L. SNYDER '75

Frances D. Cook '67 returned to the Mary Washington College campus in mid-February as this year's Distinguished Graduate in Residence. This program, developed by the Alumni Association to recognize the achievements of outstanding alumni, brings a distinguished graduate back to the campus for interaction with students and faculty.

Ambassador Cook spent a whirlwind two days meeting students and faculty and addressing classes in political science, women's studies and geography. The visit also provided an opportunity for the ambassador to catch up with her good friend and former professor and adviser, Dr. Lewis P. Fickett Jr.

Late in the afternoon on the second day of her visit, the schedule called for an informal session with students interested in careers in the international arena. Those involved in planning her visit hoped that a few students would take advantage of this opportunity. As the clock in George Washington Hall struck 5 p.m., students continued to stream into the room. Thirty students sat enthralled for a full hour, asking questions and absorbing Ambassador Cook's advice on how to prepare for the Foreign Service exam, what classes she would recommend, and the importance of foreign language competency. Repeatedly, the ambassador emphasized to the students that clear, effective writing is critical to success in the Foreign Service, making more than one student grateful for the College's writing intensive requirements.

Now retired from the Foreign Service, Ambassador Cook is based in Washington, D.C., and works as an international business consultant.

Cynthia L. Snyder '75 is director of alumni relations.

Top photo: Ambassador Cook served as State Department representative on a sensitive Defense Department delegation to Beijing — "our first contact with the PRC's Peoples' Liberation Army, 'post-Tienanmen Square.'"

Middle photo: At Ft. Polk, Louisiana, with U.N. Ambassador Madeliene Albright, participating in training of our troops for Haiti intervention

Left photo: Upcountry in Yemen with one of the 15 police guards sent to protect her!

Right photo: Inaugurating the new American school in Muscat, just before leaving Oman.

Career Highlights

Paris, France, 1968-1971: Special Assistant to U.S. Ambassador to France, Sargent Shriver; Member, U.S. Delegation to the Paris Peace Talks on Vietnam, specializing in POW/MIA issue

Sydney, Australia, 1971-1973: Cultural Affairs Officer

Senegal, 1973: Cultural Affairs Officer

Washington, D.C., 1975-1978: Personnel Officer for Africa in the U.S. Information Agency

Harvard University, 1979: Master's in Public Administration, John F. Kennedy School of Government

Ambassador to Burundi, 1980-1983

Consul General, Alexandria, Egypt, 1983-1986

Washington, D.C., 1986-1989: Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Refugee Programs; Director of the Office of West African Affairs

Ambassador to Cameroon, 1989-1993

Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Political Military Affairs, 1993-1996

Ambassador to Sultanate of Oman, 1996-1999

MIDGE POYCK RETIRES

BY WILLIAM B. CRAWLEY JR.

It is safe to assume that in the 1960s when Marjorie Meredith Poyck — better known simply as Midge — was busing tables as a student employee in Seacobeck, she never entertained the notion that she would one day become the chief executive officer of her alma mater. Yet, some 30 years after her graduation in 1966, that is exactly what happened when, during the period of President William M. Anderson's recovery from brain aneurysm surgery, she was appointed acting president of the College, a position she held during the 1996-97 academic year.

The career path from the dining hall to the president's desk was hardly linear — more the result of serendipity than calculation. And it was sometimes bumpy, especially at the outset, as Midge — a National Honor Society student in high school — had some difficulty adjusting to MWC's rigorous academic program, causing her, she recalls, to "stumble a little bit" during her first two years.

However, once she moved into her major program of mathematics, augmented by extensive course work in physics, she excelled. Upon graduation she found that her skills were much in demand at a time when space exploration and missile development were high national priorities. Accordingly, she was quickly hired by a Navy contracting firm in Northern Virginia that specialized in missile simulations.

Though the job was well-paying, and would have appeared to be stimulating, Midge decided after a year or so that it was not for her. Also, by that time she was married and starting a family (eventually to include a son and a daughter), so she and her husband decided to move back to Fredericksburg, where she spent the next eight years as a "stay-at-home mom." In 1976, despite having had "not an ounce of accounting," as she puts it, she returned to the College as a part-time employee in the business office.

From that beginning, with a brief hiatus in 1988-89 when she left MWC to serve as dean of financial and administrative services at Germanna Community College, Midge rose steadily through the College's administrative ranks: from controller to assistant vice president for audit and management analysis, to executive assistant to the president, and eventually to executive vice president and chief financial officer, the position she held from 1996 to retirement at the end of June 2000.

The expertise she demonstrated in those positions led the Board of Visitors to call upon her to lead the College during the period of President Anderson's recuperation. The most significant change from her previous duties involved the responsibility of dealing with a much wider range of constituent groups — students, faculty, alumni, legislators, state education officials, and the local community. Sometimes, she says, she "wasn't quite sure whom I was really working for. But the answer, of course, is 'all of them.' "

By consensus from all quarters, Midge met such demands with efficiency and with aplomb. According to Vice President for Student Affairs Bernard Chirico, she evinced "the uncanny ability to look at a situation, even out of her area of expertise, ask the right questions, and see the ramifications of a decision down the road."

While the competence of her performance earned the respect of her colleagues, the warmth of her personality won their friendship. She had the knack, says Chirico, for displaying "a terrific sense of humor in the midst of some very trying times," defusing many a tense moment with a mischievous riposte.

Although Bill Anderson himself is careful to praise all those who took on additional responsibilities in his absence, it is evident that he feels a special debt of gratitude to Midge. His confidence in her freed him from pressure to return to work too soon because, he says, "I knew the College was not only in competent, but devoted, hands." At the same time, he adds with a smile, her outstanding performance served as an impetus to a quick return: "She was doing such a great job, I was afraid that if I didn't get back soon, they might not *let* me back."

Midge's explanation for her ability to meet the escalating challenges of her career is simple: the education she received at Mary Washington (which, in addition to her undergraduate degree, includes an MALS that she earned in 1996). "I know this sounds like I'm part of the marketing program," she says, "but I truly believe that whatever I've been able to do is testimony to the benefits of a liberal arts and sciences education. It just prepares you for whatever life brings your way, and enables you to make the most of it."

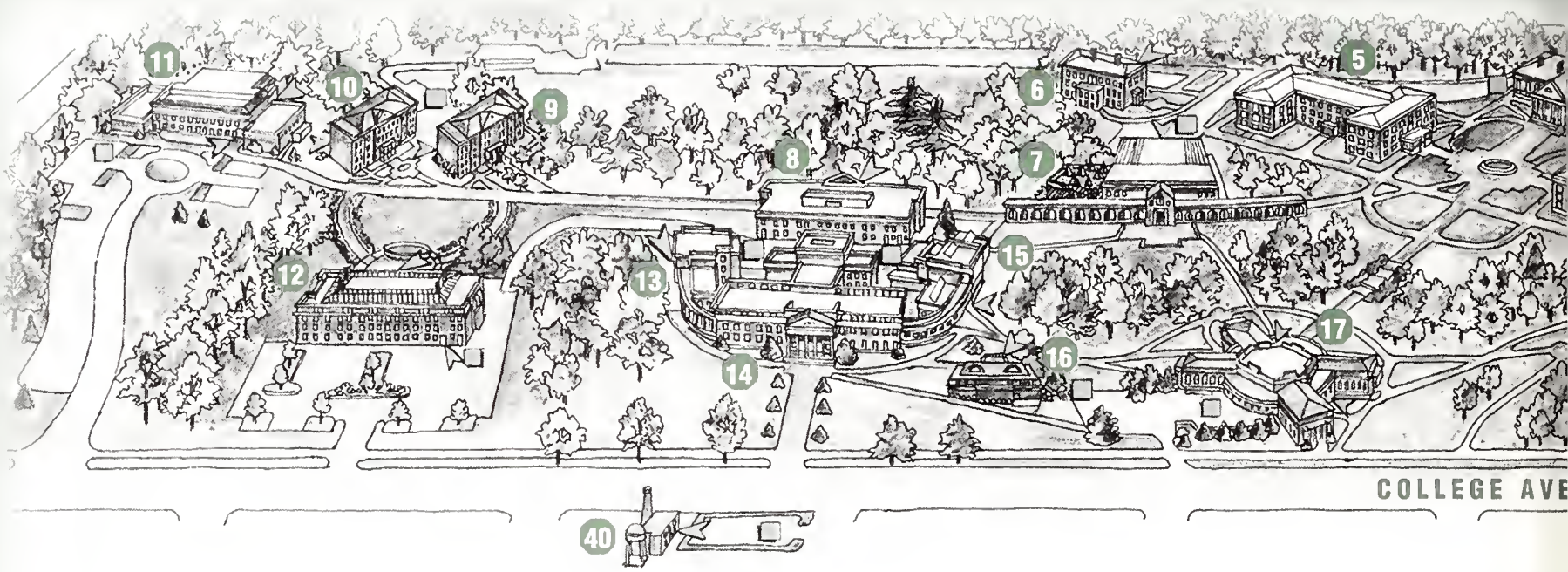
Well, yes. But people who know Midge best would probably argue that, in her case, other qualities also come prominently into play — qualities not taught, indeed not teachable, even in a liberal arts curriculum — qualities like temperament and judgment, common sense and basic decency. Her success, in short, has resulted from the happy combination of intellect and character, with Mary Washington College the beneficiary.

Now embarking upon an early, but richly merited, retirement, Midge says she looks forward most to spending more time with her grandchild (soon to be grand*children* with the expected birth of another this summer). She also hopes to find time for golf and for pursuing the creative avocations — poetry, drawing, and painting — that were once major interests.

While eagerly anticipating a more leisurely pace, she readily admits that severing ties with the College will not be easy. She plans, in fact, to remain active in the Alumni Association, for which she served as president in 1992-94, and intends to be involved with MWC in other ways as well. "I just hope," she says, "that over the years in some way I've been able to repay Mary Washington for all that the College did to enrich my life and to make me the person that I am."

Consider the debt paid, Midge. In full. With interest.

William B. Crawley Jr. Distinguished Professor of History, holder of the Rector and Visitors Chair, and Historian of the College.



MARY WASHINGTON

If you had just arrived on campus as a prospective student, you'd pick up a campus map and visitor's guide and read:

"Welcome! We are pleased that you have chosen to visit one of the most beautiful college campuses in America. Mary Washington College provides an ideal environment for more than 3,000 men and women to pursue a liberal arts and sciences education of highest quality.

"On the Mary Washington campus, you will discover classic red brick and white-columned buildings set amidst 176 acres of carefully landscaped grounds. The visitor will find academic, residential, and student services buildings interspersed throughout the campus. While each of the more than 30 buildings has its own unique character, all display graceful elements of traditional Jeffersonian architecture.

"We invite you to stroll along Campus Walk, the central focus of the campus. Winner of national design awards, Campus Walk converges from both ends of campus upon the beautiful fountain at Palmieri Plaza. The walkway's natural wood benches and spacious plazas provide gathering places for students and faculty, and add to the park-like, community atmosphere of the campus.

"We hope you enjoy your visit."

1. George Washington Hall . . . . Administration
2. Trinkle Hall . . . . . Academic
3. Lee Hall . . . . Admissions, Student Services, Health Center, Bookstore, Police
4. Monroe Hall . . . . . Academic
5. Willard Hall . . . . . Residence
6. Mercer Hall . . . . . Residence
7. Woodard Campus Center
8. Simpson Library
9. New Hall . . . . . Residence
10. Alvey Hall . . . . . Residence
11. Goolrick Hall . . . . . Gymnasium
12. Jepson Science Center . . . . . Academic
13. Pollard Hall . . . . . Academic
14. duPont Hall . . . . . Academic
15. Melchers Hall . . . . . Academic
16. Ridderhof Martin Art Gallery
17. Seacobeck Hall . . . Dining, Document Center
18. Chandler Hall . . . . . Academic
19. Virginia Hall . . . . . Residence
20. Custis Hall . . . . . Residence
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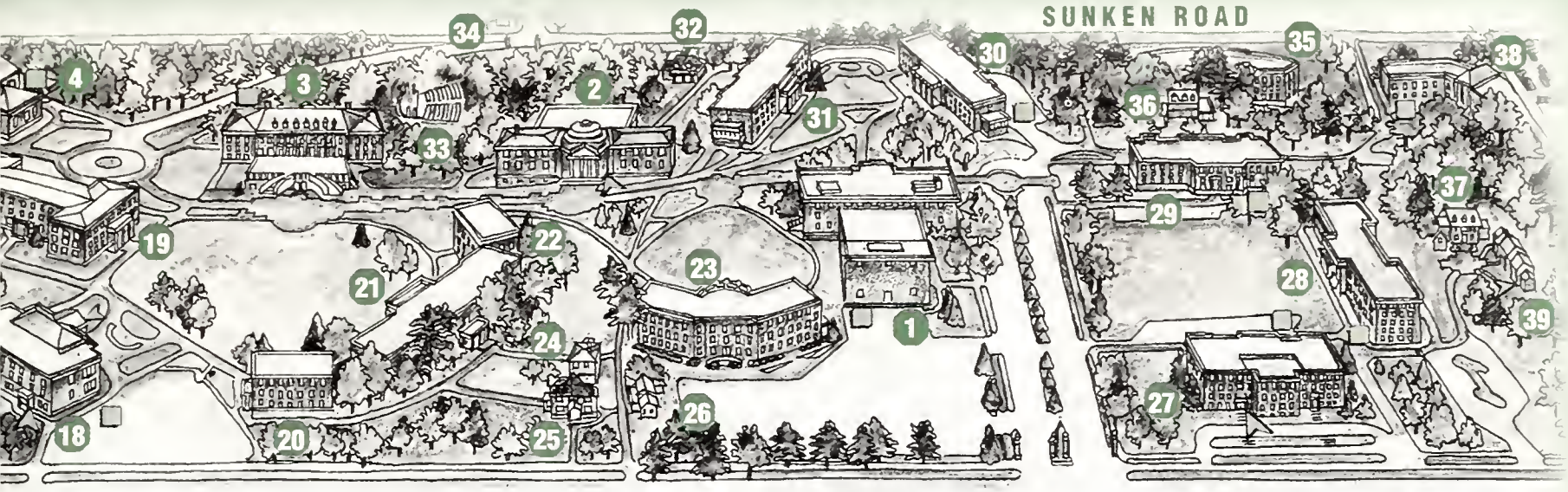
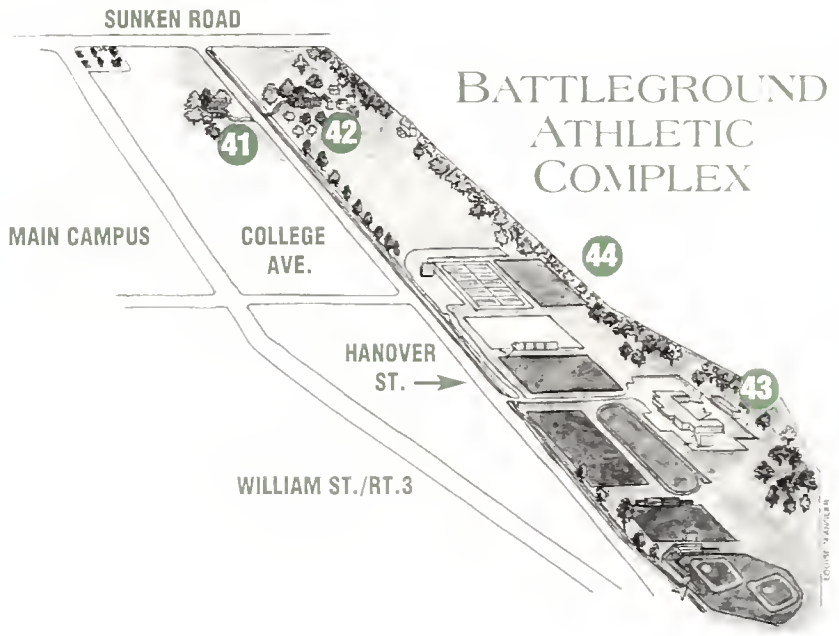


College Campus



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36. Brent
37. Framar ..... Residence
38. Marshall Hall ..... Residence
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43. Physical Plant Building
44. Battleground Athletic Complex
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NORTH

If you have not had the chance to return to MWC in many years, you might enjoy touring — even on these magazine pages — the beautiful campus you remember. You'll discover changes, to be sure, but the biggest one is that the campus seems even more beautiful than before!

Take a look at the map and see how many buildings you can name without referring to the key. Then turn the page for photos of some of the more recent additions to campus.

Opened in 1998, the Jepson Science Center houses some of the country's most advanced undergraduate teaching and research laboratories, accommodating experimentation and research in biology, environmental science, geology, physics and chemistry. The labs are equipped with brand new, cutting-edge scientific instrumentation, teaching tools, and computer information technology. The Center is named for Alice and Robert Jepson of Savannah, Ga., who provided a substantial part of the funding for the building. Alice Andrews Jepson, a 1964 graduate of MWC, is also a former member of Mary Washington's Board of Visitors.

Simpson Library, named after President Emeritus Grellet C. Simpson, was completed in 1987. The Library houses a large collection of books, periodicals and research materials. The Library's catalog and access to many proprietary databases can be accessed from the Internet — http://www.library.mwc.edu.

Alvey Hall, named for Professor Emeritus Edward Alvey Jr., and its sister building, New Hall, are the two newest residence halls at MWC. Alvey is home to approximately 150 first-year students. All rooms in both halls have suite bathrooms, bunkable beds, wooden desks and central air conditioning. Special features include a kitchen and laundry room on each floor and an elevator.

Woodard Campus Center, named for President Prince B. Woodard, serves as the hub of student activities on campus. The Center is home to the Eagles Nest (MWC's fast food restaurant), the campus post office, student recreational space, Virginia Credit Union and several conference rooms. The popular Red Room and Tan Room are in constant demand for meetings. And the Great Hall is used for dances, banquets and other large gatherings.

Remembering Willie and *My Dog Skip*

BY JACK BALES

(Note: As Jack Bales recounted in an article for the summer 1999 issue of Mary Washington College Today, *author Willie Morris visited MWC in November 1998 to inaugurate the President's Book Club. Highlights of Mr. Morris' two talks in Lee Hall Ballroom were his anecdotes surrounding the motion picture filming of his boyhood memoir,* My Dog Skip. *Numerous people whom the author and his wife, JoAnne Prichard, had met during their visit to the College were saddened by the news of his heart attack and untimely death the following August, just a few days after the couple had viewed a preliminary screening of the movie. This article recognizes the humor, animation, and sheer excitement Willie Morris shared with his campus audiences.)*

We were first in line at the theater, just as I had promised.

"My Dog Skip," the motion picture adaptation of Willie Morris' touching, coming-of-age memoir of the same name, had just been released the day before, and I told my children, Patrick and Laura, that we would not miss the Saturday matinee during the film's opening weekend.

As the movie began, the camera slowly panned across what is obviously a boy's bedroom, lingering on such youthful trappings as a baseball glove and well-thumbed books. This scene instantly evoked memories of the close, albeit brief, friendship I had shared with Willie (few people ever seemed to bother with his surname).

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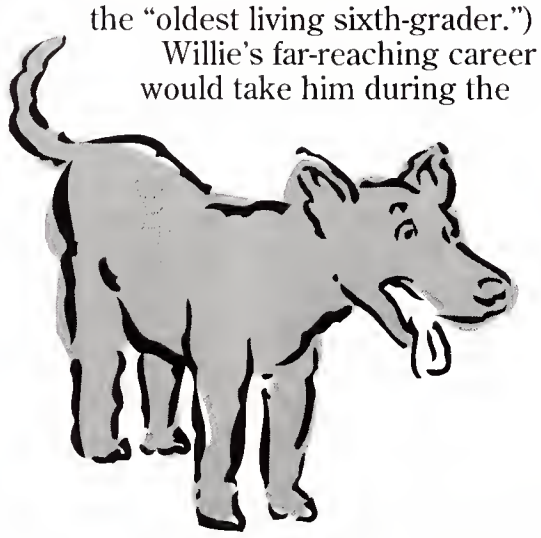
In September 1995, I wrote Willie what can only be called a "fan letter," asking questions about his widely acclaimed *North Toward Home* and his many other works of fiction, nonfiction and autobiography. His immediate reply prompted another question-filled letter from me. More followed, and during the next few years we exchanged hundreds of letters, numerous phone calls, several visits, and even one or two practical jokes. (Overnight guests at the Morris home in Jackson, Mississippi, were likely to find rubber snakes, spiders, and other assorted creatures surreptitiously planted in their beds by their impish host, who often described himself as the "oldest living sixth-grader.")

Willie's far-reaching career would take him during the turbulent 1960s to New York City, where he served as the youngest editor in chief in the history of *Harper's* magazine. His thoughts, however, were never far from his hometown, tiny Yazoo City, Mississippi. "My town is the place which shaped me into the creature I am now," he frequently acknowledged. Each time I visited him he proudly took me on his self-styled "$64,000 tour" of Yazoo City. As we drove along virtually every street and road in his boyhood community, he would talk about his formative years, reminisce about family and friends, and point out buildings, streets, and other touchstones of his youth.



Willie transferred these memories to the pages of *My Dog Skip*, which was published in 1995. He decided to write these recollections because he felt emotionally drained upon the completion of his 1993 *New York Days*, an autobiographical account of his frenetic and controversial years at *Harper's*. He wanted to relax by writing something just for pleasure — "and what's more fun," he often asked, "than the dog of your boyhood?"

The dog of Willie's boyhood in the early 1940s was Skip, an English smooth-haired fox terrier that his parents bought for him when he was 9 years old. Skip could play football, go on errands, run the 100-yard dash in 7.8 seconds, and even drive a car (with a little help). But this bestseller — which dog owners frequently asked the author to autograph to their beloved pets — is more than just a bittersweet tribute to the canine companion of his youth. It is also a

memoir of a bygone era of Saturday morning matinees, cane-pole fishing, Nehi sodas, and Fourth-of-July political rallies in a World War II-era small Southern town.

For Willie, these elements of time and place were crucial in filming the movie version of his book. Although Yazoo City had changed so much over the years that much of the motion picture was actually filmed in less-developed Canton, Mississippi, Willie was pleased with the results. "I'm grateful," he said, "that the producers paid zealous attention to the spirit of those years in making the details authentic." As the two of us drove around Canton, he noted that the town retained the anachronistic features he deemed essential, such as antebellum mansions, a square with storefront awnings, and a venerable, carefully preserved county courthouse.

Perhaps the most impressive feature of the setting was a picturesque clearing that the movie producers had converted into an old-fashioned baseball field, complete with manual scoreboard and vintage advertising signs. As Willie and I entered this "field of dreams," I spontaneously assumed a batter's stance, pointed skyward — à la Babe Ruth's legendary "called shot" — took a mighty phantom swing, and dashed around the bases. Willie, an erstwhile ballplayer whose cherubic face bore a remarkable resemblance to that of The Babe himself, seemed to take delight in this nonsensical pantomime.

Here, I thought, is one contented man. And throughout our visits, letters, and phone conversations, I discovered (as have countless others) that Willie had an unlimited capacity for kindness and generosity — his "great sweetness" was how intimate friends privately described it. He wrote letters to my children on special occasions and shared their grief when their dog was killed by a car; he even contributed an essay to my son's self-published newsletter. A gifted editor and writer, he occasionally read through an article of mine and, like an artist altering the facial expression on a portrait with a few deft strokes of a brush, changed a few words or added a phrase to capture precisely what I was struggling to put on paper.

In November 1998 Willie and his wife, JoAnne Prichard, drove to Virginia to visit me, where he charmed audiences during public lectures and discussions at Mary Washington College. At that time the cinematic "My Dog Skip" was, of course, at the center of his stories and anecdotes. He found it fascinating, for example, that makeup is applied on dogs, just as on people. He also revealed that eight Jack Russell terriers (one of which was the well-known Eddie on the NBC sitcom "Frasier") were used in the title role, adding that the producers had difficulties finding suitable dogs "who could bark with a Southern accent like Skip."

Though no stranger to Hollywood — he was a consultant on the 1996 "Ghosts of Mississippi" and later wrote a book, *The Ghosts of Medgar Evers*, about that experience — he nonetheless found the filming of "My Dog Skip" to be especially poignant. "It was déjà vu of the most stunning kind," he said, to see actors and actresses portraying him, his parents, and his childhood friends. Eyes twinkling, he recalled that when the attractive Diane Lane, playing his mother, asked if there was something she could do to help her more clearly understand her role, he mischievously replied, "Well, I *kissed* my mamma a lot."

After he and JoAnne went back to Mississippi, he wrote me often about the movie's progress. On August 1, 1999, he telephoned to say that they had just returned from New York, where they viewed a preliminary screening. " 'My Dog Skip' is by any measure an absolute classic," he exuberantly wrote me later that evening, "and I *know* you'll love it. Come here for the premiere. I miss talking with you."

The next afternoon I received another phone call, this one from my editor at the University Press of Mississippi, who told me that Willie had suffered a heart attack earlier in the day. He died that evening, and I quietly made plans to travel once again to Mississippi to be with him.

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The movie was drawing to a close. "The dog of your boyhood teaches you a great deal about friendship, and love, and death," Willie observed on the last page of *My Dog Skip*. As the film's narrator, Harry Connick Jr., sonorously echoes these words, the camera once again plays across the same bedroom as before. The passing of the years is evident. Although the books and ball glove are still there, other mementos vie for position on the crowded shelves, and a much older Skip laboriously breathes on his master's bed.

We left the theater, blinking not only against the harsh sunlight, but also in response to the memories evoked by Willie's story — and, even more, by the realization of the loss of that friend who made those memories so vivid.

Jack Bales, reference librarian in Simpson Library, is the author of several articles on writer Willie Morris, as well as the just published Conversations with Willie Morris *(University Press of Mississippi).*

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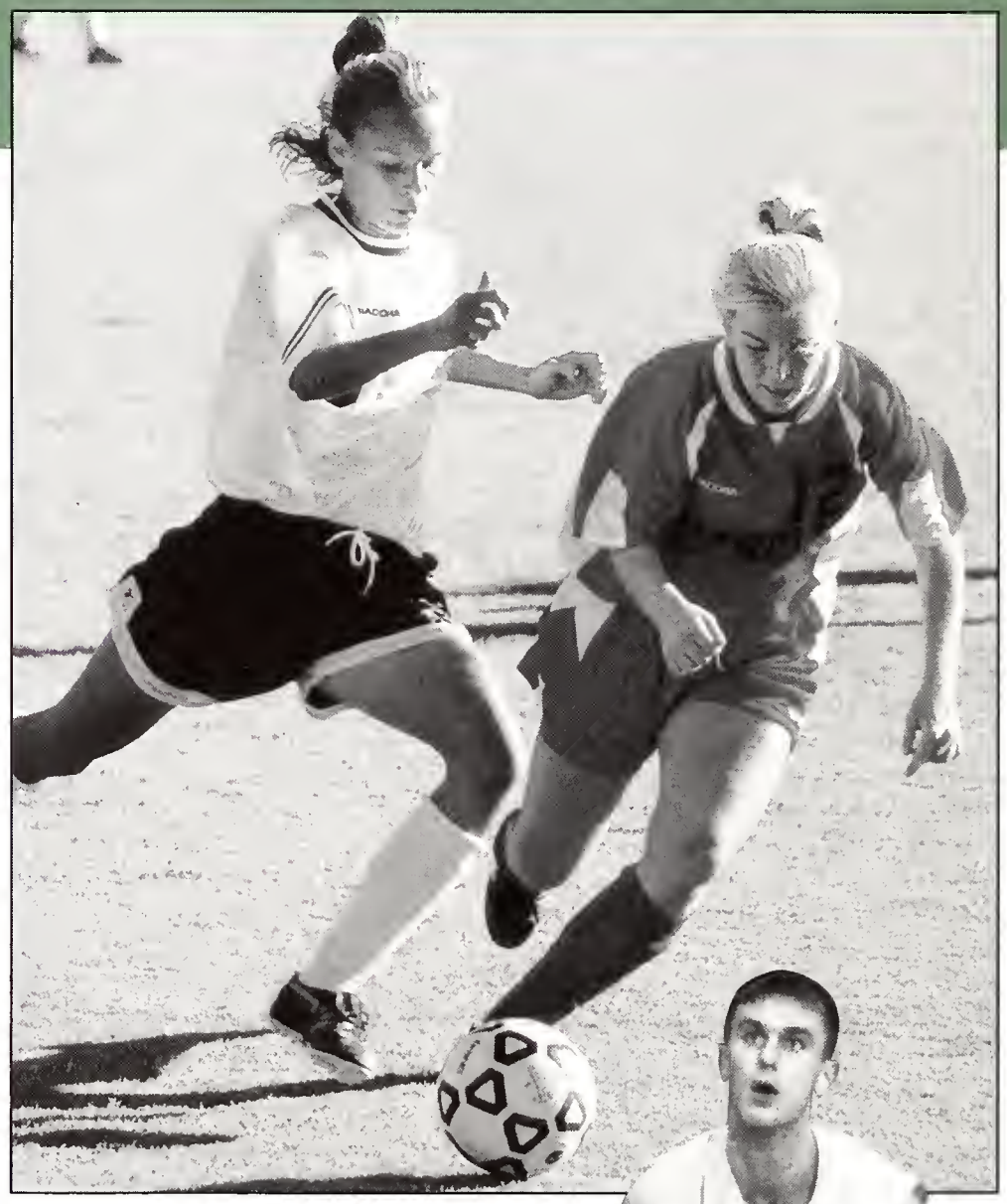
1999-2000 Year in Review

BY CLINT OFTEN

The 1999-2000 year was one of growth for the MWC athletic department, one that added even more highlights to one of the strongest NCAA Division III programs in the nation. Traditionally a top broad-based program, Mary Washington captured nine conference championships and sent six teams (or individuals from those teams) to national championships this academic year.

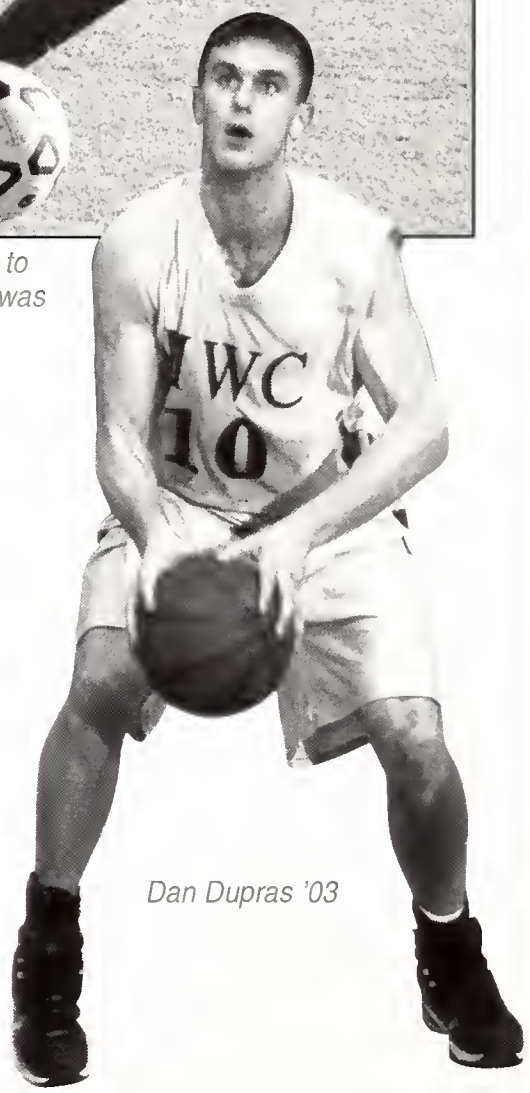
The fall season was highlighted by three conference titles, and the women's soccer team's third consecutive appearance in the NCAA Tournament. Kurt Glaeser's conference title-winning group carried off its eighth CAC title en route to a 12-5 overall record, and an appearance in the South regional tournament. Junior midfielder Ellen Anderson was named second team All-America after leading the squad with 11 goals and 10 assists.

Dee Conway's volleyball team posted 12 victories on the season, and had a special honor of having two players, Chrissi Stoehr and Monica Bintz, named first team Academic All-Region by the Collegiate Sports Information Directors of America. The men's and women's cross country teams of Stan Soper captured CAC titles by dominating the competition at the conference championships. The Eagle men had eight runners among the top 14, and the women had 10 runners in the top 15, including the second- through ninth-place finishers.



Junior Ellen Anderson (left) led the Eagles to their third straight NCAA Tournament and was named All-America.

Seniors Mariah Butler and Kim Myers concluded their careers as two of MWC's most decorated athletes, in leading the Eagles to 15th place at the NCAA Championship.



Dan Dupras '03

Aaron Bernstein '02 competes for control of the ball.

Junior Erin Caulfield was named All-America after becoming the fastest player in school history to score 1,000 career points.

Sophomore Jess Morris led the field hockey team in scoring for the second straight year.

Roy Gordon's men's soccer team ranked in the national top 10 for much of the 1999 season, and finished with a 16-4 record. Mary Washington went on one of its patented streaks, winning 11 straight during the season, but were denied an NCAA Tournament berth after falling in the conference championship game in three overtimes. The field hockey team of Dana Hall had another great season, finishing 12-8 against one of the toughest schedules in the nation. Included among the field hockey team's successes was a victory at no. 1-ranked Gettysburg in a penalty-stroke shootout.

The winter season was highlighted by the outstanding performance of the women's swimming team, which dominated the conference championships for the 10th straight year, and sent a record seven swimmers to the national championships. Seniors Mariah Butler and Kim Myers closed out their storied careers by lifting the Eagles to a top-15

Cindy Vander Berg led MWC to the NCAA Tournament in her first season as women's tennis coach. Centerfielder Ryan Napolitano '01 led the baseball team to 19 wins. David Bristow '01 and the men's tennis team advanced to the NCAA Tournament again this spring.

Stephanie Barnhouse '00 was named All-Conference as the lone senior on the softball team. Diane Grimm '00 led the women's lacrosse team to its first-ever NCAA Tournament berth.

finish at the national championships. The men's swimmers placed second at the CAC Championships.

The women's basketball team got off to one of its standard fast starts, and finished with a 10-13 record. Junior forward Erin Caulfield was named honorable mention All-America after ranking among conference leaders in scoring, rebounding, free-throw shooting, 3-point shooting, and steals. The men's team finished with eight victories, and had one of the top recruiting classes ever at MWC, which should provide for future successes on the court.

The indoor track and field teams saw three athletes — seniors Kim Alvis and Yurissa Mitchell and freshman Bobby Bergin — advance to the national championships. Mitchell was named All-America in the triple jump for the fifth time, while Alvis placed eighth in the long jump and Bergin 13th in the high jump.

The spring teams collected four championship wins, with five teams represented at national championships. The baseball team approached the 20-win mark for the 10th straight year, and advanced to the CAC Championship game for the third time in four years. The Eagles also had four all-conference selections with just five seniors on the team. The softball team, with just one senior, faced a tough season brought on by several injuries, but ended the season with an impressive doubleheader sweep over Randolph-Macon College. Two players were selected all-conference.

The men's lacrosse team finished fourth in the CAC with a 3-3 record, and had three players named all-conference. The Eagles downed Catholic, York and Goucher with just two seniors on the squad.

The Eagle equestrian team won the region championship for the first time in six years, and advanced to the zone championships as a team. Ten riders also competed in the Regional show individually, as they qualified through points earned through the season.

This year's women's tennis team, under the direction of first-year coach Cindy Vander Berg, won 11 dual matches, as well as the school's 10th consecutive Capital Athletic Conference Championship en route to its second straight NCAA Tournament appearance. Lea Schon advanced all the way to the national ITA Championship final this fall, and was named All-America after last spring's national tournament.

The outdoor track and field teams dominated this season, culminating at the CAC Championships. Both teams nearly doubled the point totals of their closest competitors, and won nearly every event at the championships. Several athletes also qualified for the national championships, held in Chicago, Illinois.

The Eagle rowing teams had a very successful second season as a varsity sport, with multiple victories in several spring regattas. The men and women combined to race victoriously at regattas in Portsmouth, Va., Occoquan, Va., and Washington, D.C., and the prospects are very good for MWC to contend for places at the national championships this season.

The MWC women's lacrosse team had its greatest year and advanced to the NCAA Championships for the first time. The Eagles set school records for victories, goals, and total points en route to a 14-2 mark before advancing to the NCAA tournament. The Eagles were ranked nationally in the top 10 all season long, and were ranked as high as fifth, their highest ever.

The men's tennis team also posted its best season, registering a 16-1 regular season record. The Eagles, under first-year coach Todd Helbling, also won the Capital Athletic Conference Championship for the first time since 1995. The Eagles carried a four-match undefeated streak into the NCAA Championships, and finished undefeated at home with a perfect 9-0 record. The NCAA berth was the second in four years for the program.

Yurissa Mitchell '00 closed her career as a five-time All-America in the triple jump.

EXECUTIVE IN RESIDENCE

Major League Baseball Executive Sandy Alderson Visits MWC

BY CLINT OFTEN

Legendary baseball mogul Branch Rickey, the man who twice profoundly changed the game of baseball by introducing the farm system and integrating the game, once said, "Luck is the residue of design." Certainly, Mary Washington College's latest Executive-in-Residence, Sandy Alderson, has proven that Rickey's words are correct. Alderson, the executive vice president of baseball operations for Major League Baseball, has become one of the most influential and successful people in all of professional sports.

A longtime member of the front office of the Oakland Athletics — including 15 years as general manager and four as president — Alderson was primarily responsible for the A's dynasty in the late 1980s. His on-field moves included hiring manager Tony LaRussa, signing free agents like Dave Stewart, and drafting players such as Mark McGwire and José Canseco. The A's won four American League Western Division Championships during his tenure, participated in three consecutive World Series, capturing the World's Championship in 1989. Before becoming general manager of the Athletics, he served as general counsel for the club for two seasons, and before that, practiced law in the private sector.

Alderson, the husband of MWC graduate Linda Huff Alderson '69, counseled several business administration classes at the College about employee/employer relations, contractual and regulatory law, the Major League Baseball umpire situation, and the John Rocker incident. One of the most respected administrators in all of professional sports, Alderson took time to visit MWC's V. Earl Dickinson Stadium, visited with various members of the athletic and business departments, and had lunch with the MWC Eagle baseball team. At a session about careers in professional sports, Alderson discussed opportunities available in MLB. Internet-related jobs are becoming a primary new tool for professional sports, he said, with teams selling tickets, posting features and statistics, and even broadcasting games online. Any special advice for women seeking employment in MLB? Alderson said both men and women have access to 95 percent of the jobs in MLB, "not just aspire to, but hold," he said. "I would also encourage women to become umpires." He further advised students interested in careers in sports to build around their individual strengths, advice that holds no matter which profession they eventually practice, he said.

Alderson also spoke of the business of baseball, and likened the day-to-day operations to that of a small business, with added pressure because of the scale of the issues. "The game is more complex than it was 25 years ago because of the money involved," he explained to one class. In such a business with enormous public interest, it is "critical to have an awareness of the legal system."

The self-proclaimed "baseball cop," Alderson is currently involved with several special projects, including international play and a proposed inner-city baseball academy. He is also responsible for all baseball operations and security, and acts as minor league liaison to MLB. A graduate of Dartmouth College ('69) and Harvard Law School ('76), he also served four years as a Marine infantry officer with a tour of duty in Vietnam.

Clint Often is MWC sports information director.

Dave Barry

BY PENNY A. BEVERAGE '00

Syndicated humor columnist and the author of several books, Dave Barry began his career as a journalist for a local paper. However, he soon encountered a problem. "I used to be a real journalist — I'd go out and interview people and then come back and make things up," said Barry. "I'm a humor columnist because it's just too embarrassing to try to be a journalist."

So, Barry moved on to what he does best, making people laugh, as he demonstrated to a packed Dodd Auditorium on April 11 at the Fredericksburg Forum.

Barry began his presentation with a humorous news flash, "The Miami community has elected Elian Gonzalez mayor," and did not allow the audience to cease their laughter until 9:30 p.m. when the program ended.

Barry then offered the audience humorous wisdom on a number of topics, including the Internet, dealing with a first lady, parenting, relationships, and even coping with beached whales on shores nationwide.

"Thanks to the Internet, I'm wasting time faster than ever before," said Barry.

On a more serious note (for Barry) he went on to discuss the day he spent with former first lady Barbara Bush, and how he found himself tongue-tied attempting to make conversation with her.

"I shop at the same supermarket as your son Jeb," said Barry, who resides in Miami near Jeb Bush, the governor of Florida and son of the former president. According to Barry, he quickly retreated from the comment, which did not amuse Mrs. Bush, who "was not dying to know that," in the words of the comic himself.

Continuing his array of topics, Barry also advised the audience on parenting. "If you're in the supermarket and your child won't listen, just sing, 'there she was just a-walkin' down the street,'" said Barry, as he launched into "Doo Wah Diddy" on stage, once again extending absolute continual laughter from his entranced audience.

However, Barry remained modest. After narrating a detailed story about his amusing encounter with a beached whale in Oregon, Barry reminded the audience, "Let's be honest, if you knew that they were blowing up a whale anywhere in the Fredericksburg area tonight, you would not be here and I wouldn't be here."

As the program continued, Barry moved to a "comfortable living room setting," in his words, where he answered questions from the audience. The questions were moderated by Christopher Kilmartin, associate professor of psychology at MWC and stand-up comedian, and Karen Radley, chief operating officer at Radley Automotive Group and MWC's 1998 Executive-in-Residence.

Entertaining the audience once again with his quick wit, Barry proved to be just as hilarious on the spot, as he responded to questions on the presidential election, his daily column and his musical talents.

Upon being asked how he felt about the presidential candidacy of Jesse Ventura, governor of Minnesota, Barry announced his own candidacy to the crowd and sought votes as only he would. "If you support my candidacy, leave your car lights off during the day," urged Barry.

Then, before the large audience of over 1,500, Barry took a firm stance on the issues that face the nation. "I just want to say, I agree with everybody here on everything," said Barry. "If you change your mind, I will, too."

In addition, Barry faced the question of alleged drug use, which presidential candidates often face. "I've had a syringe in my arm a couple of times, but I never pushed the plunger," said Barry, yet again sending the audience into stitches.

As the program neared its end, Barry, who, at age 52, has written several books including *Dave Barry's Guide to Guys, Dave Barry Slept Here: A Sort of History of the United States,* and *Babies and Other Hazards of Sex*, was asked what adventures and mishaps a Dave Barry action figure, titled "Humor Columnist Man," might experience.

"Oh no! Today he can't think of a punch line!," screamed Barry, again arousing great laughter from the audience, to whom he'd demonstrated that he *always* can think of a punch line.

The Fredericksburg Forum sponsors two programs each year during which it brings nationally known speakers to the Mary Washington campus. Next year, the Fredericksburg Forum will welcome Elie Wiesel, a survivor of the Holocaust, in October, and political duo Mary Matalin and James Carville for the April segment of the Forum.

Penny A. Beverage '00 of Spotsylvania, Va., double-majored in English and American studies. She was a student writer for the Office of College Relations.

On Campus

The Honorable Herbert H. Bateman, congressman from the First District of Virginia, addressed Mary Washington College's graduating class when the College held its 89th annual commencement in Ball Circle on Saturday, May 13. He was awarded an honorary doctorate of humane letters during the ceremonies.

Congressman Bateman is serving his ninth term in the U.S. House of Representatives. His district, which he refers to as "America's First District" because of its rich history, stretches from the Lower Virginia Peninsula through the Middle Peninsula and Northern Neck to the Fredericksburg region.

Before assuming office in 1983, Congressman Bateman practiced law at a Newport News law firm for 25 years and served in the Virginia Senate for 15 years. The Congressman is now the senior member of two influential House committees, the Armed Services Committee and the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee. He also chairs the Subcommittee on Military Readiness and the House Merchant Marine Panel.

He holds a law degree from Georgetown University Law Center and a B.A. from the College of William and Mary. Congressman Bateman enlisted in the Air Force during the Korean War and was discharged as a first lieutenant in 1953.

Details on Commencement will be in the fall issue of *MWC Today*.

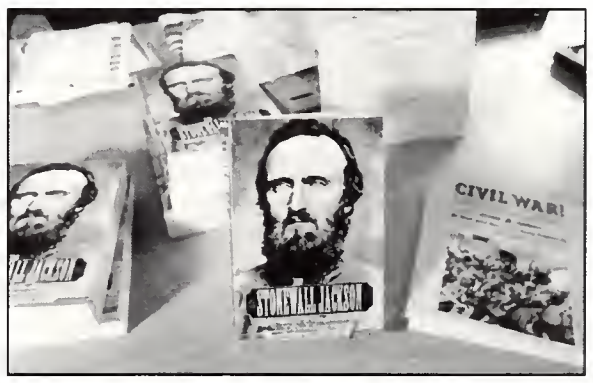
Virginia Tech Professor James "Bud" Robertson chats with Sylvia McJilton Woodcock '61 and her husband, Stuart.

Civil War Scholar On Campus

Civil War scholar and biographer James I. Robertson Jr. was the speaker at the April 11, 2000, meeting of the President's Book Club Authors Series. Robertson, who currently holds the Alumni Distinguished Professor Chair at Virginia Tech, has long been regarded as one of the nation's foremost Civil War scholars, having served during the 1960s as executive director of the Civil War Centennial Commission.

The author of over 20 books and articles, Robertson spoke to the Book Club about his most recent work, the highly acclaimed biography, *Stonewall Jackson: The Man, The Soldier, The Legend*. He explored with his appreciative audience what he called the two keys to understanding Jackson: his essentially loveless childhood — he was orphaned at an early age — and his devotion to God to an extent that, according to Robertson, would be widely regarded today as religious fanaticism. The biography has been praised by one reviewer as "a master historian's masterwork."

Prior to his Book Club presentation, Robertson met with Professor Bill Crawley's American South class to discuss the Civil War, a conflict that was caused fundamentally, he said, by the slavery issue. He maintained that, despite overwhelming Northern numerical and material superiority, the South still had a chance to win the war if it could merely have managed to create a military "tie" — but it lacked sufficient resources to hold out long enough to produce such a result.



Robertson was the first historian to address the Book Club. Previous speakers have included memoirist/journalist Willie Morris, mystery writer David Baldacci, and novelist Rosamunde Pilcher.

Beth Perkins becomes first recipient of journal's award

BY ANTOINETTE R. PARKER

When Beth Perkins, head of circulation at Simpson Library, found out that *Library Journal* had chosen her as the first recipient of its Paraprofessional of the Year award, her first thought was that *Journal* editor John Berry had called the wrong person.

Ms. Perkins' receipt of the award was the cover story for the March 15, 2000 issue of the magazine.

Every bit the epitome of the ideal paraprofessional from the way she handles daily questions and concerns of library patrons to her never-ending quest to improve library services, Beth laughed as she told the story with a gently fading Mississippi accent drawn over her words like a gossamer overlay.

"For once in my life, I was totally speechless. Totally," she says. "I sat right at my desk and stared at the wall for about five minutes."

Simpson Library Director LeRoy Strohl, Systems Librarian Bob Grattan and Reference Librarian Jack Bales all nominated Beth for this national award. The three men each wrote nominating letters describing Beth's career at MWC, her participation in various library-related organizations and her activism in securing recognition for Virginia paraprofessionals. (A paraprofessional is a library worker who does not have a master's degree in library science.)

"I came into the system as a library assistant, and there was nowhere for me to go," she says. "I was the assistant to the head of circulation, which was a master's-degreed position. Then in the '80s, when there was so much downsizing and reorganization of staff — for one thing because of technology — librarians took on different things. So support staff took on the duties librarians traditionally had." Ms. Perkins, who has a bachelor's degree in library science from the University of Southern Mississippi, cites this change in roles as the beginning of the paraprofessional's quest for recognition for the work performed in libraries by people without master's of library science degrees. This award "recognizes that we have both valuable and significant contributions to make to the profession," she says.

Library Director Strohl says Ms. Perkins "has been so instrumental in the things that the Virginia paraprofessional librarian's group has done that I think the repercussions will reach out into the paraprofessional community at large in the state of Virginia."

Members of Mary Washington's Kappa Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa celebrate the April induction of the new members for the year 2000 on the steps of Lee Hall.

FACULTY HIGHLIGHTS

Ernest C. Ackermann, professor of computer science, and Karen P. Hartman, library director at the James Monroe Center for Graduate and Professional Studies, gave the presentation "The Essential Web: What to Teach in 50 Minutes" during the session "Networked: What to Teach and How" at the Computers in Libraries Conference 2000, held in Washington, D.C. In addition, Dr. Ackermann presented a workshop, "JavaScript Applications," and Ms. Hartman presented "Providing Services for Off-Campus Library Users" at the same conference. They also wrote "Finding Quality Information on the Internet: Tips and Guidelines," published in the August 1999 issue of *Syllabus*. Their book, *Searching and Researching on the Internet and the World Wide Web, Second Edition,* was published in April.

Mehdi Aminrazavi, associate professor of philosophy and religion, presented a paper titled "Plato Among Muslims" at Grand Rapids State University.

Wendy H. Atwell-Vasey, assistant professor of education, delivered a paper at the Annual Meeting of the American Educational Research Association in New Orleans. The title of the paper was "Us and Them: The Embodiment of Character in the Classroom." The paper, on using theater in the classroom to interpret novels, was part of a panel that Dr. Atwell-Vasey organized on the uses of play and theater to approach ethical considerations in teaching and the interpretation of events.

James E. Baker, professor of music and conductor of the Mary Washington College-Community Symphony Orchestra, participates regularly as guest conductor of orchestras abroad. He conducted at Marianske Lazne, Hradec Kralove and Zlin (Czech Republic); Walbrzych and Zabrze (Poland); and Vratza, Vidin, Pleven and Paradjik (Bulgaria). Dr. Baker also has arranged exchange appearances of musicians from Hradec Kralove and Zabrze orchestras with pending arrangements associated with a visit from Vratza musicians. Dr. Baker has invitations to conduct for the 2000-2001 concert season at Vidin, Vratza and Hradec Kralove.

David S. Berreth, director of Belmont, made a presentation about the museum to the Mary Washington College Hampton-area alumni chapter, where he demonstrated Belmont's new Web site. He also served on the Northern Virginia advisory panel for the Virginia Commission for the Arts, reviewing annual grant applications for special projects and general operating support submitted by arts organizations in the region. In addition, Berreth currently serves as co-chair of the newly formed Historic Port of Falmouth Association, a group composed of Falmouth residents and property owners with an interest in preserving the historic district and representing the area regarding public issues including traffic, safety and infrastructure improvements.

Jenifer L. Blair, senior associate dean for admissions, was appointed to the National Association for College Admission Counseling (NACAC) Journal Editorial Board. NACAC is an organization of admissions officers and secondary school guidance/college counselors. The journal is a quarterly, four-color publication.

David W. Cain, distinguished professor of religion, completed a two-year term as president of the Soren Kierkegaard Society. Dr. Cain delivered the presidential address to the society at its annual meeting held in conjunction with the annual meeting of the American Academy of Religion in Boston. Dr. Cain is the author of a book on Kierkegaard. In addition, he is a member of the Board of Directors of the Center for Faith and the Arts, located in Salisbury, N.C.

William Cornwell, senior lecturer in philosophy, presented a paper, "Doin' What Comes Natur'lly: Hobbes and the State of War," at the 28th Conference on Value Inquiry held in Beaumont, Texas.

Rita M. D'Arcangelis, professor of computer science, presented "A Model for Developing MultiMedia Instructional Modules" at the 31st SIGCSE Technical Symposium on Computer Science Education held in Austin, Texas. Jennifer Polack-Wahl, assistant professor of computer science, and Marsha Zaidman, associate professor of computer science, were co-authors of the paper.

Joseph G. Dreiss, professor of art history, presented a project, "The Leon Golub Web Site," at Educause '99: Celebrating New Beginnings, an international conference on technology in higher education, held in Long Beach, Calif.

Karen A. Duffy, instruction and social science librarian, presented "The Use of the ERIC Database for Teachers and Librarians" at the Virginia Educational Media Association annual meeting in Williamsburg, Va. She also conducted a session on educational tools available on the Internet at the In-service Training Seminar for Teachers, Librarians and Administrators in Albemarle County.

Scott C. Eckhardt and Natalie J. Ellis, assistant directors of residence life and housing, presented a program titled "Effective Customer Service for a New Millennium" at the national conference for the American College Personnel Association in Washington, D.C. Their program focused on the importance of incorporating effective customer service into the delivery of overall quality student services on college campuses.

Claudia Emerson, assistant professor of English, read from her poetry at the Virginia Festival of the Book. The panel was called "Fifty Years of *Shenandoah*," and was held in the Rotunda at the University of Virginia. In addition, Prof. Emerson's poems appeared this year in three anthologies: Louisiana State University's *Yellow Shoe Poets*, The University of Arkansas Press' *The Made Thing*, and Shenandoah's *Buck and Wing*, *Southern Poetry at 2000.*

Stephen J. Farnsworth, assistant professor of political science, had an article published, "Political Support and Citizen Frustration: Testing Three Linkage Theories," in the winter 2000 issue of the *Virginia Social Science Journal.* Dr. Farnsworth has presented several papers, including "The 1996 New Hampshire Republican Primary and the News Media," at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, which he wrote with S. Robert Lichter; "Congress and Citizen Anger: Examining Political Support for the Institution, the Leadership and One's Own Representative" at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association; and "Competing Citizen Views of Trust: Interviews on Political System Trust, Community Trust and Interpersonal Trust," at the annual meeting of the Virginia Social Science Association. Dr. Farnsworth also appeared as a guest to discuss the results of the New Hampshire presidential primary on the NPR program "Hear/Say," which airs over WHRO in the Hampton Roads area.

Christofer Foss, visiting assistant professor of English, had the article "When Good Men Turn Bad: *Mary Reilly* as Disturbing Allegory of Domestic Abuse," published in the January issue of *Literature/Film Quarterly.* In addition, Dr. Foss presented a paper, "Utopic Haze: Outside Conrad's *Heart of Darkness*," at the 20th Annual Nineteenth-Century Studies Association Conference.

Elizabeth M. Freund, assistant professor of political science, appeared on the PBS program, "Debates, Debates." The topic was "U.S. policy toward Taiwan." Other participants in the debate included representatives of several think tanks such as the Heritage Foundation and the Cato Institute, as well as other university scholars. In February, Dr. Freund organized and hosted at MWC a roundtable on the March 2000 Taiwan Elections. The roundtable included some of America's top scholars of Taiwan's government and politics, and was open to students and the public. Dr. Freund participated in an international mission to observe the March 2000 presidential

elections in Taiwan. She was one of a dozen scholars invited from various universities and research institutes around the world to meet with Taiwan's academics, government and party officials, campaign staff, and media. In addition, Dr. Freund wrote a book chapter, "Bill Clinton's 'Three Noes' and the Taiwan Question," in *Across the Taiwan Strait: Exchanges, Conflicts and Negotiations*, edited by Winston Yang and Deborah Brown and published by St. John's University Press.

Leanna Giancarlo, senior lecturer of chemistry, co-wrote "Molecular Photography in the Undergraduate Laboratory: Identification of Functional Groups using Scanning Tunneling Microscopy," which was published in the January 2000 issue of the *Journal of Chemical Education*.

James E. Goehring, professor of religion, authored "Recent Research in Coptic Monasticism (1992-1996)" published in *Ägypten und Nubien in spätantiker und christlicher Zeit: Akten des 6. Internationalen Koptologenkongresses Münster*. As keynote speaker for Claremont Graduate School's symposium, Out of the Desert: Dry Places in History and the Imagination, Dr. Goehring presented a paper titled "Landscape and Ideology: Using the Desert in Early Egyptian Christianity."

Stephen P. Hanna, assistant professor of geography, wrote "Representation and the Reproduction of Appalachian Space: A History of Contested Signs and Meanings." The article appeared in the April 2000 issue of *Historical Geography*. He also co-wrote "Representations and Identities in Tourism Map Spaces," with Vincent J. DelCasino, which appeared in the winter 2000 issue of *Progress in Human Geography*.

Liane R. Houghtalin, assistant professor of classics, delivered a paper titled "The Slave's Drunken Holiday: A Pattern of Oppression" at the annual meeting of the Classical Association of the Middle West and South held in Knoxville, Tenn.

Michael J. Joyce, professor of theatre, wrote a play with Bob Ingham (since deceased) that was published in Turkey, making it the first play ever written by an American playwright to be published in Turkey. Dr. Joyce returned to Turkey in May with a production in the Denizli Theatre Festival. This is the first time an American director has been invited twice, and it is his third year directing in Turkey.

William J. Kemp Jr., professor of English, was an invited speaker at the Virginia/North Carolina Jane Austen Society meeting in Williamsburg. His talk, "Persuasive Contexts," discussed images of men, women, and the Navy in Austen's last novel, *Persuasion*.

On the public radio program, "With Good Reason," Joella C. Killian, professor of biology, discussed things from your backyard that you can eat. The topic of the program was "What a Meal!" and Dr. Killian was joined by Dr. Ivor Knight, a microbiologist from James Madison University, who discussed the federal government's role in food safety and detecting tainted food.

Christopher T. Kilmartin, associate professor of psychology, performed his solo theatrical performance, *Crimes Against Nature*, on 55 college campuses during the 1999-2000 academic year. In addition, Dr. Kilmartin was named "Outstanding Alumnus of the Year" by Virginia Commonwealth University's Department of Psychology. Dr. Kilmartin also was named to an American Psychological Society task force on gender awareness in college psychology textbooks.

George King III, professor of physics, organized the spring meeting of the Chesapeake Section of the American Association of Physics Teachers, held at MWC. In addition, Dr. King gave a presentation at the meeting titled, "The Role of Undergraduate Research for Physics Majors."

Margaret A. Klayton-Mi, associate professor of business administration, was awarded a grant by the Education Foundation of the Direct Marketing Association of the Greater Washington Area. Dr. Klayton-Mi will use the grant to design interactive marketing courses for college professors.

Janusz Konieczny, associate professor of mathematics, and Stephen Lipscomb, professor of mathematics, had a paper, titled "Path Notation for Partial Transformations," published in the proceedings of the international conference, Semigroups with Applications Including Semigroup Rings.

Leonard R. Koos, associate professor of French, has had several articles and essays published, including "Between Two Worlds: Constructing Colonialist Identity in Turn-of-the-Century Algeria" in *French Literature Series v. 26*; "Missing Persons: *Cherokee*'s Parrot and *Chatterton*'s Poet" in *Studies in Twentieth Century Literature*; "Improper Names: Pseudonyms and Transvestites in Decadent Prose" in *Perennial Decay: On the Aesthetics and Politics of Decadence*; and "Tales of the City: Representing the HLM in Contemporary French Culture" in *Forty Years of the French Republic: Actions, Dialogues, and Discourses*. Dr. Koos also wrote several entries in *The Feminist Encyclopedia of French Literature*, published by Greenwood Press. In addition, he presented papers at the Francophone Voices conference in the United Kingdom, the Eighth Annual AIZEN Conference in San Francisco, and the annual convention of the Modern Language Association in Chicago.

John M. Kramer, distinguished professor of political science, had his article, "Drug Abuse in Russia," published in the *Social Legacy of Communism*. He also delivered a paper on "EU Enlargement and the Environment in Central and Eastern Europe" at the annual meeting of the International Studies Association in Los Angeles, Calif. In addition, Dr. Kramer delivered public lectures at the U.S. Naval Academy, Wheaton College and the Foreign Service Institute.

Richard J. Krickus, distinguished professor of political science, delivered a lecture at Colgate University titled "The Lithuanian Rebellion: A Ten-Year Retrospective." Dr. Krickus will participate in "Roundtable On Kaliningrad" in June in Vilnius, Lithuania. The roundtable, which includes diplomats from the West and Russia as well as scholars, has met for several years.

Elizabeth M. F. Lewis, assistant professor of Spanish, presented "In Pursuit of Happiness: Images of Feminine Desire in the Poetry of Maria Gertrudis Hore" at the South Atlantic Modern Language Association Conference in Atlanta, Ga., in November. "The Sensibility of Motherhood in the Writings of Eighteenth-Century Spanish Women" was presented at the annual meeting of the American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies in Philadelphia.

Marie E. McAllister, assistant professor of English, presented a paper, "The Woman in the Case Study: How Doctors Talk About Venereally Diseased Women Patients," at the annual conference of the American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies in Philadelphia.

Patricia Lacey Metzger, professor of business administration, presented a paper titled "Enhanced Learning of Self-Directed Learning Process Outweighs Consequences of Failure" at the 14th Annual International Self-Directed Learning Symposium in Boynton Beach, Fla. Dr. Metzger also presented "Career Ceilings May Continue for Women in Cyberspace" at the annual meeting of the American Society of Business and Behavioral Sciences in Las Vegas, Nev. She chaired the session on "Instructional Strategies in Accounting Education." She presented "Will Expanded Education and Work Options Improve Economic Prospects for Women in the New Millennium?" at the 23rd Annual Conference of the Society of Educators and Scholars

Ronald E. Singleton

in San Juan, Puerto Rico. Dr. Metzger chaired a session on "Innovative Approaches to Student Assessment" at the National Meeting of the Decision Sciences Institute, where she discussed papers on "The Government's Recent Initiatives in Health Care Fraud: A Preliminary Analysis of the Results and Future Effects" and "Team Learning in the MBA Core Operations Course."

John T. Morello, assistant vice president for academic affairs, wrote an essay, "Comparing Speaking Across the Curriculum and Writing Across the Curriculum Programs," published in the January 2000 issue of *Communication Education*, a national professional journal published by the National Communication Association.

Patricia P. Norwood, professor of music, was interviewed for "With Good Reason," a National Public Radio program, in January. Dr. Norwood discussed music in the time of President James Monroe.

Jennifer A. Polack-Wahl, assistant professor of computer science, presented the paper, "Actively Learning Computer Ethics," and presented with co-author Aaron Kieldsing "An Art Exhibit of Radiosity: A Study and Application in Radiosity" at the 15th Annual Eastern Small College Computing Conference, held in St. Bonaventure, N.Y.

Allyson M. Poska, associate professor of history, was named co-editor of a monograph series, "Women and Gender in the Early Modern World," published by Ashgate Press in the United Kingdom. In addition, Dr. Poska received a fellowship from the National Endowment for the Humanities to complete her book on women in northwestern Spain. Recently, Dr. Poska was interviewed by the British Broadcasting Company for a documentary on the Spanish Inquisition, produced in conjunction with the Discovery Channel. She also presented a paper in Brazil this spring. In addition, she was named the November adult volunteer of the month by the Rappahannock United Way for her work at the Fredericksburg Area Food Bank and also was a finalist for their "Hometown Heroes" award. Dr. Poska also was nominated for JC Penney's Golden Rule Award.

Wendy L. Price, assistant professor of historic preservation, gave two presentations at the 2000 Virginia Preservation Conference in Portsmouth. The first session was titled "What's New in Virginia" and included an update on trends in the use of historic district zoning ordinances. The second session, "Putting Historic Resources to Work in Your Community's Comprehensive Plan and Ordinances," was a panel workshop, and Professor Price gave a presentation on strategies for preservation planning using comprehensive plans. Also featured at the conference was Professor Price's creation of the new Virginia Local Preservation Reference Collection. The collection, the first of its kind in the state, is a database of local government preservation tools (ordinances, comprehensive plans, etc.) which will be available online through the College's Center for Historic Preservation Web page. Professor Price is responsible for the program's administration for the Preservation Alliance of Virginia and the Center for Historic Preservation.

Mark J. Safferstone, associate dean of the James Monroe Center for Graduate and Professional Studies, conducted a workshop titled, "The MBTI and Leadership: Implications for Executives," for 70 senior-level federal managers at the Federal Executive Institute in Charlottesville, Va. He also wrote a book review of Richard R. Kilburg's *Executive Coaching: Developing Managerial Wisdom in a World of Chaos* for the May issue of *Academy of Management Executive*.

Mara N. Scanlon, assistant professor of English, wrote an article, "'In the Mouths of the Tribe': Omeros and the Heteroglossic Nation," on Caribbean poet Derek Walcott and Russian theorist Mikhail Bakhtin, which was published in a special issue of the *Bucknell Review* titled "Bakhtin and the Nation." Dr. Scanlon also had a critical bio-bibliographic entry on Sook Nyul Choi published in a reference work, *Asian American Novelists*, published by Greenwood Press. In addition, Dr. Scanlon presented a paper titled "'Sometimes Not a Lie': Touching I, O in Sheck's Io at Night" at the national conference on American Women and Classical Myth.

Thomas F. Sheridan, associate professor of physical education, spoke at the Upstate New York Baseball Coaching Clinic at Turning Stone Resort in Verona, N.Y. He made three presentations focusing on hitting mechanics, outfield play, strobe-light hitting and vision drills.

Ronald E. Singleton, senior vice president for advancement and college relations, received the "Distinguished Alumni Award for Service to the Community" from the Virginia Commonwealth University School of Education. Dr. Singleton also had an article, "Mending Fences," published in the January 2000 edition of CASE *Currents* magazine.

Thomas P. Somma, director of the Mary Washington Galleries, lectured on "Lost in America: David d'Angers' Statue of Thomas Jefferson, 1832-33" in September at the symposium, "American Pantheon: The Art and Architecture of the Capitol Rotunda," sponsored by the U.S. Capitol Historical Society. Dr. Somma also was guest curator for the exhibition, "With Parisian Flair: The Sculpture and Drawings of Paul Wayland Bartlett," at Tudor Place Museum in Georgetown. In addition, he gave sculpture lectures and tours for the Guide and Docent Programs at the Library of Congress and the U.S. Capitol Building. Dr. Somma was asked by the University of Maryland to teach a course on American art history during the spring semester as an adjunct in their Department of Art and Archaeology.

LeRoy S. Strohl III, director of Simpson Library and chairman of the Virtual Library of Virginia (VIVA) Steering Committee, was the keynote speaker at the State University of New York Library Director's Annual Conference. Strohl spoke on the cooperation and cost effectiveness of VIVA, the statewide library consortium serving the higher education community of Virginia.

John G. Temple, assistant professor of biology, delivered a presentation titled "The Only Good Snake Is an Investigated Snake: What Can We Learn from Snakes?" at the Francis Marion University Science Colloquium Series. In addition, Dr. Temple was appointed to the Educational Council of the Society for Integrative and Comparative Biology.

Raymond S. Tuttle, associate director of residence life and judicial affairs, and two students presented a paper, "Preparing Today's Students for the 21st Century," at the Twelfth Annual International Conference of the Association for Student Judicial Affairs. The conference was held in Clearwater Beach, Fla.

Leslie Jo Tyler, coordinator for the program, teaching English as a second language, at the James Monroe Center for Graduate and Professional Studies,

Left to right: Margaret L. Mock, Dorothy Ogburn Wood, Lee Ann Reaser, Valerie S. Kuramoto, Allison Enedy and Louise D. Ashby

MWC Division Wins Three Awards From Professional Association

The division of Advancement and College Relations at the College has won three individual awards from the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) for entries submitted in the 2000 District III Circle of Excellence Awards competition.

CASE is an international association of education advancement officers from more than 3,000 colleges and universities around the country. Members include college presidents, alumni administrators, fund-raisers, public relations managers, publications editors and government relations officers. Each year CASE recognizes outstanding projects and achievements undertaken by its member organizations during the previous year. Member institutions are invited to submit portfolios for judging, of their most impressive accomplishments.

Valerie Kuramoto, MWC's director of planned and leadership giving, won an Award of Excellence for "Planned Giving Programs"; Dorothy Wood, director of annual giving, won a Special Merit Award for "Arrington Challenge Campaign"; and the Office of College Relations won a Special Merit Award for "Opening the James Monroe Center."

The awards were presented at the CASE Region III Conference held in Atlanta in February.

presented a paper, "Semantic Features Redux: Transitivity Alternations with Zero Verbs," at the Southeastern Conference on Linguistics held in Oxford, Miss.

Stephen H. Watkins, associate professor of English, had his short story, "Critterworld," which won a Pushcart Prize in 1993 and appeared in the *Pushcart Prize Anthology* that year, reprinted in the University Press of Florida anthology, *100 Percent Pure Florida Fiction*. In addition, his short story, "Desgraciado," was published in the latest issue of *North American Review*. He also has written several book reviews and essays this year on civil rights and labor issues that were published in the Unitarian Universalist Association's *World Magazine,* as well as a labor history book review for the *Gulf Coast Historical Review*.

EVENTS ON CAMPUS

December

The Women of Color club held its 10th annual Winter Bazaar…The Philadelphia Saxophone Quartet joined the Mary Washington College-Community Symphony Orchestra in the 23rd annual "Pops" concert. The quartet premiered a new work titled "The Tale of Three Cities," a three-movement work for orchestra and saxophone quartet featuring music associated with London, Paris and New York. The work is arranged by Bill Holcombe, who also plays soprano saxophone in the quartet. Friends of the Mary Washington College-Community Symphony Orchestra awarded its "Citizen Salute Award" to William M. Anderson Jr., president of MWC. Dr. Anderson was also named an honorary member of the Mary Washington College-Community Symphony Orchestra…"Deck The Halls 1999" was the theme of the 19th annual holiday decorations workshop offered by the James Monroe Museum in conjunction with Jan Williams.

January

"Expectations of Triumph," a performance by actor Paul Anderson, opened the Cultural Awareness Series in celebration of Martin Luther King Jr. Day… Gallery owner and curator Sherry French and artist Fred Wessel lectured on religious art. Ms. French is the curator of the traveling show "Religious Art 2000+," which was on display in the Ridderhof Martin Gallery. Wessel's work was also featured in the exhibit…The Department of Business Administration offered a free, two-day training session for tax preparers who volunteer their services to help low-income and elderly residents with their tax returns…Five paintings by Gari Melchers (1860-1932) from the collection of Belmont, The Gari Melchers Estate and Memorial Gallery, have been selected by Virginia First Lady Roxane Gilmore

The College-Community Symphony Orchestra had another outstanding season.

In March, a group of students and faculty members gathered in the atrium of Ball Hall to showcase original artistic works in an event titled "Celebrate the Arts." The first-time event featured live performances of poetry, prose and music. Here, Kalela Williams '00, an English major from Georgia, reads her poem, "Cloud Cover."

to decorate the public rooms of the Executive Mansion in Richmond.

February

The Virginia Commission for the Arts held a grant workshop which offered information on application, review and funding procedures...Bev Smith, Black Entertainment Television talk show host, lectured on "Domestic Violence: A Personal Story"...In honor of Black History Month, "Gospel Extravaganza" was performed by a number of local choir groups. And "Sounds of the Motor City-Motown," presented by Exposure Productions, encouraged its audience to remember how the music of the Civil Rights Era contributed to the movement itself...Mary Washington College has been awarded a grant from SCHEV to improve teacher training in science. The $43,632 award is funded by the U.S. Department of Education's Eisenhower Professional Development Program. The grant will support "Physics/Physical Science Modeling Workshop," a summer program focused on integrating technology into teaching physics and physical science concepts...An exhibit including artifacts and photos of the Negro Baseball League and baseball legend Jackie Robinson was on display in Simpson Library...Elizabeth Clark, a widely acclaimed religion scholar and former faculty member, delivered a lecture on "Women in the Early Christian World"...The exhibition "Regions of Light: Paintings, Prints and Drawings by Peter Sculthorpe" was on display at the Ridderhof Martin Gallery...A round-table series of discussions and lectures on the March 2000 Taiwan presidential elections was held...The Mary Washington College Eagle Pipe Band performed a winter concert...The Fredericksburg Singers concert featured favorite opera choruses from the 18th and 19th centuries...A panel discussion concerning the "Celebrate Virginia" project and its impact on the Fredericksburg region was held.

March

The James Farmer Multicultural Center's sixth annual Cultural Awareness Series and Women's History Month speakers included author and journalist Kathryn Abdul-Baki, who lectured on "Writing About the Middle East;" Keynote speaker Dr. M. Joycelyn Elders, the first African-American United States Surgeon General, spoke on "Health Care into the 21st Century"; Kim Phillips, associate professor of history and black studies at the College of William and Mary, lectured on "We Will Find Work: Black Women's Labor, Community, and Politics in the 1930s"; Laylie Miller Bashir, attorney and well-known human rights advocate, presented a lecture, "One Woman's Story and Its Impact on Human Rights"...Gregory N. Daugherty, professor of classics at Randolph-Macon College, gave a lecture on "Fires and Firemen in Nero's Rome"...Norman L. Geisler, a well-known biblical scholar, discussed "The Gospels: Mythology or History"...Dan Preston, editor of *The Papers of James Monroe*, presented a lecture on "Colonel James Monroe and the American Revolution: War, Ambition, Patriotism and Symbolism"...Marcia Feuerstein, assistant professor of architecture at Virginia Tech, lectured on "Architectural Wandering: Locating Questions-Questioning Locations"...The second annual Benefit Concert for the Thurman Brisben Homeless Shelter was held...A financial education seminar, "Market Outlook," was held to help educate citizens about the importance of investing.

For the first time, the annual Multicultural Fair, held in April, began with a parade that spanned College Avenue and featured participants from the College and the community. Clowns, like the one pictured here, majorettes and a band were among the entertainers who marched or rode floats along the parade route. The event was sponsored by the James Farmer Multicultural Center.

People Make MWC Special

Frances Liebenow Armstrong

BY ANTOINETTE R. PARKER

When speaking to Frances Liebenow Armstrong '36, you realize that she has the power to command time. Her voice transports you through the years, and right before your eyes, people you have never met and who have long-since passed on, arrive to sit down before you, reborn through the remembrances of a loving friend. Buildings vanish, replaced by fields and groves of bright green trees, and then they are verbally rebuilt right before your very eyes. You listen and you watch as the tapestry containing the College's history is unfolded, and as she smiles, "Mrs. A." — the weaver — works.

Frances will tell you that she was born in Fredericksburg and was a student at MWC when it was known as Fredericksburg State Teacher's College. Her stories will lace you through and around a time when she practiced archery approximately in the spot where George Washington Hall now stands, then her adroit words will pull you like a thread and place you in front of the columned structure which houses the President's Office.

"I've been here all my life except for two years that I taught away," she said. "I taught two years in Blackstone, Va., a little town that had about 1,200 people, but other than that, I've been here all my life. And I've seen the College grow from the four buildings that were here when I was here [as a student] to what it is today. That has been just amazing to me. And how they have been able to keep the design in the buildings and keep it so compact and draw it together with the addition of the campus walk replacing that road … all of that to me has just been fantastic."

By nimbly interlacing memory through present day events, she can tell you nearly anything you want to know about the College. Among her stories are facts about past presidents — she has known them all except for Mr. Edward Russell, who was the very first — and tales of activities popular with students when she was one among them. During her student-years at the College, young women could choose to participate in various on-campus clubs, she said. Dances were quite popular as well, but Frances did not go to them because, she admitted with a laugh, she was not interested, and she could not dance.

Initially, Frances said, dances were held in Monroe because that's where the gymnasium was. "And that's where they held them until the Underground was constructed, which was my swimming pool. Then they had dances on top of that. And then, of course, as time went on, [George Washington Hall] was constructed, actually in 1939. And they had dances in the basement because the basement was a hall of mirrors. And they had them on the roof garden in the summer. Of course, all that's gone. They don't hold them on the roof garden anymore, and there's no hall of mirrors … the Hall of Mirrors is [now a series of] offices."

Frances worked as a teacher for 45 years, and she spent most of her career

working in Fredericksburg's school system. Throughout that time, her ties to the College remained close. For years, she has been working as a volunteer, making delicious desserts for the Alumni Association's cake-baking fund raiser. She also served as social chairperson for the Fredericksburg Chapter, planning parties and teas. Frances' dedication to the College for these and many other volunteer duties was formally recognized in 1984 when she was chosen as the first recipient of the Mary Washington College Alumni Association Service Award.

When Mrs. Armstrong retired from teaching in 1981, Dr. Woodard asked her to join the staff to research information for the College's 75th anniversary. After that assignment was completed, she continued working for MWC.

Today she divides her time between the Office of Human Resources, Trench Hill and the President's Office. She is also indexing *Mary Washington College Today* and *The Free Lance-Star* for Historian of the College Bill Crawley, who says that the enthusiasm that pervades Mrs. A.'s work is "unmistakable evidence of her abiding love for her alma mater." Furthermore, Frances' dedication to her job has won her the distinction of being chosen as an employee of the quarter, just announced by the Office of Human Resources.

Mrs. A. and her wonderful stories have become woven into the fabric of the College, and her hard work and dedication to MWC coupled with her good-natured personality has won the hearts of many of her co-workers.

Vicki Campbell, office manager of the President's Office and clerk of the Board of Visitors, just can't say enough about Mrs. A. "One of the most wonderful aspects of working at the College — and one that I will always cherish — has been the good fortune I've had to be associated with Mrs. A.," says Vicki. "On a personal level, she's been like a mom to me, always offering support and encouragement, and always a source of sound advice when asked. She's never 'pushy' with her views. On the professional level, she's been a constant example of dedication and resourcefulness — a true mentor, more through her daily demeanor than through words. She's a one-of-a-kind friend and inspirational role model."

Antoinette R. Parker is the new assistant director of publications at MWC. She is a 1998 graduate of the School of Journalism and Mass Communication at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Julie Garner '98 is a junior Web developer for Cambridge Associates, a financial consulting firm in Arlington, Va. Students liked her basket of stress balls.

Please Advise!

"How did you get into your present line of work?"
"What do you like best about your job?"
"What job-search hints can you give me?"

It's questions like these that MWC students asked the 60-plus representatives (mostly alumni) at Careers and Majors Day in March. Students circulated informally in the Great Hall, stopping and talking to reps at well-marked employer tables that interested them. Students learned the ropes from participants representing careers from A (adjunct professor, adolescent therapist, assistant membership director) to Z (well, to W, anyway — Web designer) at this annual event, which is organized by MWC's Office of Career Services in cooperation with the Alumni Office. If you are interested in participating in Careers and Majors Day 2001, MWC Career Services would be delighted to hear from you. Please e-mail or call Mary Becelia at mbecelia@mwc.edu or (540) 654-1022.

Sara M. Baldwin '98 is a systems engineer for Planning Consultants Inc. in Dahlgren, Va. The company provides systems engineering and software support for the development of Navy Combat Systems.

Charles T. "Chuck" Smith III '93 is an audit supervisor with Clifton Gunderson P.L.L.C. in Glen Allen, Va.

Franklin Tillery (right) and his daughter, Sue Tillery '81 (left), met with Rebecca Greene '91, Emily Loughry '99 and Derek Coryell '00, scholarship recipients.

Franklin Tillery: Willing to Share

BY VALERIE S. KURAMOTO

Some people equate philanthropy with wealth, and certainly these days some of the most celebrated tales of philanthropy in the media are about very wealthy individuals, such as Bill Gates and Ted Turner.

However, philanthropy really has more to do with a willingness to share, and in that respect, Franklin Tillery may be considered one of the most philanthropic people in America.

His desire to share the benefit of an education has been a particularly strong motivator for Frank. He has established five permanently endowed scholarships at Mary Washington College, where two of his daughters, Margaret '78 and Sue '81, attended. One of those scholarships — the Elizabeth P. Tillery Memorial Scholarship in Music — was established to honor Frank's late wife, who was active in the selection of Tillery scholars during her lifetime.

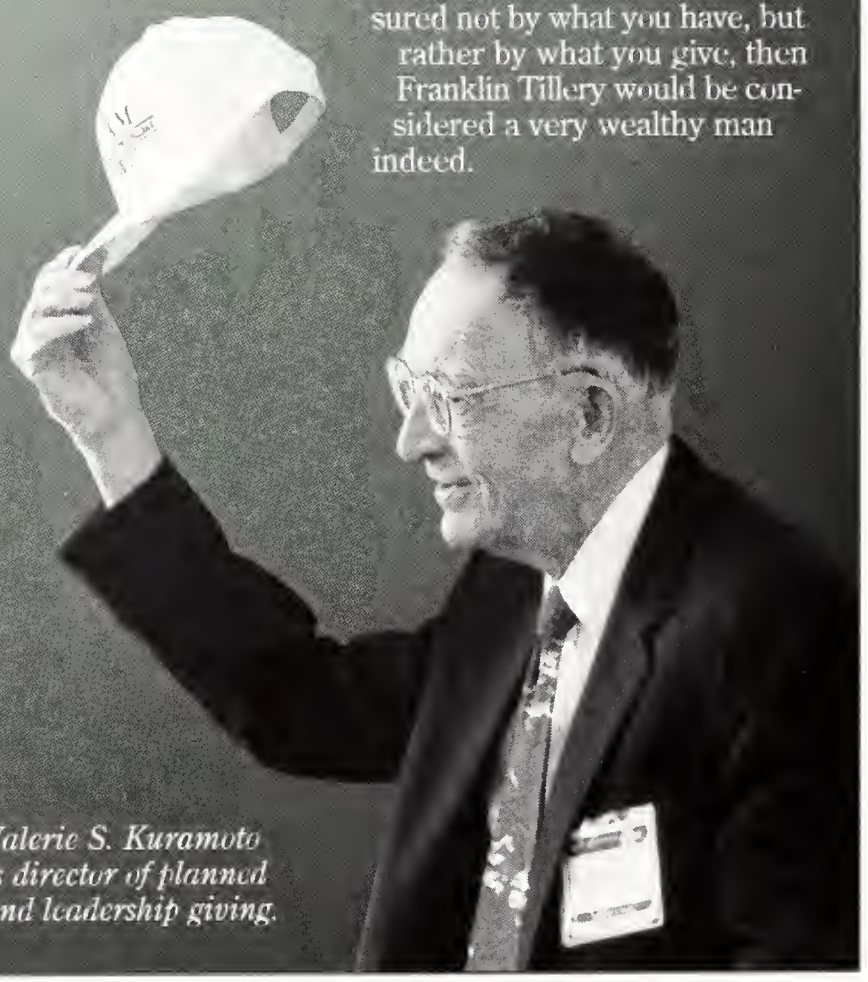
Frank's generosity goes beyond MWC as well. Four students benefit from Tillery scholarships at the College of William & Mary, where his daughter Jo studied, and Frank has established two scholarships at his own alma mater, the University of Michigan. Frank also is deeply committed to his Baptist church in Hampton, and supports two students at the Southern Baptist Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky. Although education is the main focus of his philanthropy, among Frank's other charitable interests are his church in Hampton, and several health-related organizations.

Frank's support for his chosen organizations is both broad and significant. Each of the five Tillery scholars at Mary Washington College receives a $1,000 scholarship annually. For many of these students, the Tillery scholarship is what enables them to continue their studies at MWC.

Frank has devoted a considerable amount of energy toward the planning of his charitable gifts. He makes annual additions to his scholarships, and has established a $25,000 charitable gift annuity with Mary Washington College to ensure that the total endowment for the five scholarships will exceed $100,000.

In order to make his annual gifts, Frank actively invests his assets to yield the greatest return possible. Frank views these investments strictly as a means for pursuing his philanthropy. He feels that he can live comfortably in the home he has owned since 1956, and that his pension from a career working as an engineer in the Newport News shipyards, combined with his social security check, are sufficient to meet his personal living needs. Nearly everything he makes in the stock market is earmarked for his favorite causes — education, religion and health care, although he will admit that he also has a soft spot for his daughters and his six grandchildren!

Frank says that he's not a wealthy man, but follows that up by saying, "You don't have to be wealthy to enjoy the benefits of giving." If wealth were measured not by what you have, but rather by what you give, then Franklin Tillery would be considered a very wealthy man indeed.



Valerie S. Kuramoto is director of planned and leadership giving.

Message from the President of the Alumni Association

As my term as president enters the final stretch, I wanted to share with you the accomplishments made in the last two years. It has truly been an era of dreams becoming reality as plans and visions of the last several years took shape and were completed.

The Web site was a launch pad for staying in touch with each of you. Our efforts in its development have paid off immeasurably. With the addition of a full-time Webmaster on campus, the site continues to expand and evolve in this constantly changing "net" world. Now you can update your information, nominate fellow alumni for awards, the Board of Visitors and our alumni association board, and keep up with current events on and off campus. But it is only the beginning. Make sure you tag www.mwc.edu as a "favorite" site and visit often.

The Washington Scholars Program is now a reality with the first student starting in fall 2000. The candidates were extremely impressive, with GPAs of 4.0+ and SAT scores of 1300+. Irene Lundy Brown '39 took the first step with her generous gift. The Alumni Association recently endowed the second scholarship. Now the race is on to fund at minimum two additional scholarships to maintain the continuity of this program. Never before has Mary Washington been able to offer a full-ride (tuition/room and board), merit-based scholarship, and we can all take credit for getting this program started.

Alumni participation in the Annual Fund is reaching new levels each year, thanks in large part to the second challenge offered by Arabelle Laws Arrington '41. This idea of giving back to your alma mater is not a new one; however, it is remarkable to see our giving levels match or exceed those of many private institutions. This is a great way for us to give back and continue to advance the prestige and reputation of Mary Washington College.

Over the next few months you will hear a lot more about a generous gift from Alice Andrews Jepson '64 that will enable the College to move forward with plans for a new Alumni Executive Center. Trench Hill has long been the command center for alumni activities and college advancement, but the staff is now out of space. The house is currently a marvel in space management, but Alice recognized the need for something bigger. Plans are now being drawn for a beautiful complex that will connect Trench Hill to additional buildings with expanded office space, accommodations for special guests, and banquet facilities. Stay tuned for more information in the future.

In conclusion, I would like to thank the board of directors for their efforts over these last two years. We worked well as a team, and, I believe, represented your interests well. I have enjoyed my eight years on the board and look forward to finding new ways to stay involved. Mary Washington College will always be the magical warehouse of your memories. As students you contributed to MWC's growth and success; as alumni you have the opportunity to continue that contribution. I hope you will make the time to give back and to participate in regional events, stay in touch through the Web site, reminisce with your classmates at Reunion Weekends and Homecoming, and support the Annual Fund.

Tara C. Corrigall '82

ARRINGTON II
THE NEXT CHALLENGE

It is anticipated that the MWC Annual Fund will set new records this year because of *Arrington II: The Next Challenge*. Alumni, parents and friends, along with Arabelle Laws Arrington '41, are very excited and look forward to successfully accomplishing the $1 million Annual Fund goal.

June 30, 2000 is the deadline to ensure that your gift will be counted toward *The Next Challenge*. For more information or to make a pledge, contact the Office of Annual Giving toll free at 1-(888) MWC-0004.

MWC Credit Card

In today's world, many of us use credit cards … for many reasons! So, if you do use a credit card, why not consider the new Mary Washington College MasterCard®? This card, offered by MBNA America Bank, has no annual fee and a low interest rate. And, every time you use the card, Mary Washington College will benefit! MBNA is providing a royalty to MWC for each new account opened, for every account renewed, and each time our cardholders use their cards, regardless of whether or not they carry a balance. This applies to purchases, cash advances, and balance transfers.

The royalties MWC receives are helping to fund the Washington Scholars program, which is enabling MWC to offer our first-ever, full-ride, merit-based scholarships. In today's competitive higher education market, the Washington Scholarships provide MWC with a tool for attracting the best and brightest students.

MBNA is contacting Mary Washington College alumni, friends, parents and employees to offer the MWC credit card. They have committed to maintaining the confidentiality of all MWC constituents, and they are not marketing the card to students.

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By Mary Podlesny, director of advancement research.

Class Notes

Devil Notes

1931

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It is a class agent's job to hope these notes arrive at MWC in January for the summer issue of *MWC Today*. So, you may believe it when I tell you the World Wide Millennium Celebration with all its mighty fine demonstrations and One World Power and Splendor is still a most interesting and enjoyable conversational topic in our area here. I do hope you all witnessed this great event in our lives.

I received a list of the members of the Class of '31. There are 24 of us left. Drop me a card. All information will be written in the next Devil Notes.

Again at Christmas time, I did receive a beautiful card with cheerful greetings and cardinals from ever-faithful **Anne Ratcliffe Webb**. Anne still sends her yearly report to us. She is just as active as ever with so many worthy organizations that keep her busy. She is still continuing all of her activities after having suffered a fall, which left her with a fractured femur in three places. Anne, the good news that you are active again is most heartily welcomed.

Also, I received a beautiful Christmas card from **Mabel McGuiness Crismond**. Mabel is another member of the Class of '31 who has been greatly interested in the alumni. She has relatives in Princeton, N.J. I am waiting for her to visit me when she comes to the Garden State.

My best wishes and love to all of you. Kaye

1933

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From Isabelle:

I hope you received the Christmas greetings which MWC sent out for me. Receiving a note or call from you is always a treat.

Ethel Turner Horner and **Alma Murchison** are in the process of moving into retirement homes. Both seemed anxious to be settled again. **Ava Smith** celebrated her 90th birthday Jan. 1. She lives in a retirement home in Kingsport, Tenn.

Martha Moore Edwards celebrated her 90th last year, and the entire town of Buchamore, Va., attended the celebration. Martha was interested in knowing how many of our class are on the mailing list at MWC. Perhaps you are interested, also. Well, there were 34 on the list received recently.

I have phone visits with **Lois Cornwell Draper** and **Julia Lee Boston Bartha** often. Julia Lee is recovering from hip replacement and a fall.

Alice Mae Brown Walden, who lives in Greenville, S.C., still comes to Virginia to visit family and friends. She had a nice visit with classmate **Virginia Sale Broaddus**. **Josephine Matz Wells** and **Dorothy Tucker Marks** didn't give me any news, but I always enjoy their cards.

Please keep in touch, and let the College and me know of a change of address.

Love you, Isabelle

1935 & 1937

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1938

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Notes from all too few this Christmas, and possibly my fault as I was too busy to send cards. **Lois "Skippy" Milstead Goodwin** writes that she is glad they did their traveling when they did, as too many castle steps, etc., are a bit daunting. She and George attended the 250th celebration at W&L, celebrated their 59th anniversary, and spent time with two sets of grandchildren, those in college and those in elementary school. Mine are a bit more spread out — two in elementary, two in middle, one in senior high, one a senior at Va. Tech., and one out on his own but shortly to be in grad school. Only one lives close enough to see often.

Alice Rife Wilson writes that she has two great-granddaughters, a granddaughter married on New Year's Eve, and another who expected her first child in March. **Emma "Thornie" Crockett Lively Pointer** also mentions three great-grandchildren. It seems that we keep busy going to weddings. She is expecting to be in Washington soon for the wedding of a granddaughter. Sadly, her husband of four years, Ernie Pointer, died of cancer last April.

Jessie Crockett Hopkins always sends a little poem, which I appreciate and would love to share, but the constraints of space forbid it. Jessie's letter is full of the adventures of her family of athletes and their travels to games — one to Brigham Young U. for the U. Va. game. Mentions good health except a hospital stay for a bleeding ulcer, but good recuperation.

As for me, at 82, as are many of us, I deal with glaucoma, which doesn't bother me much. Still drive, keep up my three-plus acres and my big house. I have written about Elk Ridge for the 150th celebration of Howard County, but the printing was delayed. In it, I have written of "My Legacy" to compete with that of Clinton. Life is good.

1939

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Where were you '39ers when 1999 became 2000? I always hoped I would see that date but really never depended on it. Where was I? In my greatest moments of fantasy I would never have imagined it would be as it was. With my sister, three years younger than I but dealing with some problems of mobility, I attended a good movie in the afternoon of December 31. Afterwards we had dinner at our favorite restaurant and then took in another movie. That was great stuff for us, because we rarely go to the movies.

The second show put us on the streets of Charlottesville just in time to move the car to an ideal spot for watching the fireworks — as beautiful as any I have ever seen. The telling still evokes a smile, two old ladies, one handicapped, on the streets of Charlottesville, shouting with the masses, "Happy New Year, everybody!"

Happy New Year to you, too, although you will not see this until the year is old news. I wish each of you happiness and good fortune.

While others reviewed the events of the 1900s, I have thought instead about those people we called faculty at MWC, human beings who for four years influenced our lives so much we will never forget them: Dr. Combs, Dr. Alvey, Mrs. Bushnell, Dr. and Mrs. Dodd, naming only a few. When we knew them, generally they were little more than half the age we are now. What a remarkable heritage we have.

Thank goodness for Christmas cards. Without them and a few phone calls, I would have nothing to report.

Elizabeth Wilson and I are looking forward to our 65th high-school reunion in April. It will be abbreviated compared to those of the past, but I am thankful we can have one at all.

A telephone call from **Virginia Dickinson Morgan**, Dr. Alvey's secretary for about five years, was a pleasant surprise. Her call was unrelated to class news, but it gave us time to chat. She saw Dr. Alvey shortly before his death and was quite pleased with his good humor and ongoing zest for life.

Louise Harris Massie, her husband, Quintas, another friend and I made our yearly trip to Blacksburg to see friends we worked with in Charlotte County. Our visit was too short but full of nostalgia and affection. It is always nice to see old friends.

Virginia Henderson McCann '42, and I are planning a trip to see **Helen Downer Hale**. It is not far, but finding a day to suit is the problem. I thought I would have plenty of time when I retired. Wrong.

Miriam Boyer Parson's husband George writes their Christmas letter each year. The recent one told of the Parson Family Golf Tournament, with about 30 present. What fun! George won two of the tourneys, one of which he had won twice before. George also reported that Miriam's brother, Harold, a hero of the Battle of the Bulge in World War II, had died. Many of my husband's friends were in the Battle of the Bulge also. We extend our sympathy to Miriam. Her brother, Harold, was one good-looking man.

Virginia Cooley Stoner reported that her husband, Aaron, was still toying with the idea of retirement. If it happened in January as planned, I predict that, like the rest of us, he's wondering how he even found time to go to work.

That's all folks. I need to hear from you.

1941

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Greetings! A new year, a new century, a new millennium! Wow!

Myra McCormick Cole writes that she is still going strong. She has two daughters, four grandchildren and two greats. She lives in Temple, Texas, and misses the spring dogwoods of Virginia.

Sarah Jane Cornwell Spires moved into Westminster Canterbury of Virginia Beach. **Addie Lee Barrett Penman** visited her there. They were joined by **Jane Jennings Jones** on a trip to N.C. to see a lighthouse being moved inland.

A Christmas note from **Carol Faulconer Myers** related news concerning a luncheon reunion with **Ruth Garrett Hodges**, **Addie Lee Barrett Penman**, **Virginia Bray Cahoon** and some other classmates.

Mildred Donaldson Rolander and her husband spent two months in France. They had been studying French for some time and used their studies to great advantage. This winter they'll be on Marco Island.

I quote **Marguerite Jennings Helbush**. "It sounds absolutely fantastic to have lived so long, enjoyed so much, experienced so many marvelous places and things and now to be happy and contented with simple joys of a warm home, a heavenly bed, plenty of everything, relatively good health and stupendous friends and relatives! Who could ask for more?" Amen!

Jamie Redwood Witzel has moved from Mt. Sunapee, N.H., to Magnolia Springs, Ala. Back home again! Two of her children have had serious illnesses this past year. We hope there is much improvement now. I talked with **June Stoll Artunkal** in Istanbul, Turkey. Her younger son lives with her but is soon to be married. Her other son, his wife and child flew home from England for Christmas. June is so proud of that grandson, Can (pronounced John!). He is a big 3-year-old and attends kindergarten in England with older students. He speaks both English and Turkish fluently.

Myra Lynch Butterworth says, "I'm very surprised that I've lived to be 80! I'm very thankful to say I'm in good health — just some arthritis."

I talk weekly with sister-in-law **Eleanor Batschelet Smith**. She is so busy. I'm still working with second-graders part time, and I love it! Peace!

1943

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From Dorabelle:

Greetings to the Class of 1943, "Happy 2000 Century."

Evelyn Sheads Appleton has a new address. She moved from the mountains of N.C. to Ocala, Fla. She is to become a great-grandmother this summer. Evelyn included a picture of herself and Roger, and they look great.

I heard from **Charlotte Hawthorne Cheatham** last summer. She is active in the Ginter Park Woman's Club and still plays the piano for various functions. After a brief stay in a retirement community, she and her husband, Curtis, moved back to Richmond.

Alice Glazebrook Gilleece wrote in November to give interesting info on her activities, as well as those of some of her family. Her mother, 98, is in a nursing home. Her three children live in two different states. Two of her sons and families live in North Carolina, and one lives in Albany, N.Y. The two sons from N.C. visited her for Thanksgiving, and she went to Albany for Christmas. She enjoys her church work and hospital visiting. She states that reading and walking are still her favorite things.

Anne Mason Gall sent greetings from California. Anne, her tuba, **Mamie Stahle Allen**, and I shared a room in Mary Ball Hall our sophomore year.

Beulah Spain Harrison writes that her daughter, Linda, and family visited her during the Christmas holidays. Beulah and I remember our Glee Club Christmas concerts and what beautiful experiences they were to us.

Ruth Henriques Johnson writes that she lost her husband, Sam, in February 1999. Ruth and Sam attended many class reunions together. She spent two weeks sightseeing in Russia in September 1999. She has had numerous experiences hosting people of other countries. She enjoys news from her classmates in the magazine as do many who write stating the same thing.

Ann Middleton Kelly wrote in January 2000 that she has no interesting news. She says we are all doing the same things! We have traveled with our husbands, raised our children, and now we are enjoying our grandchildren. She says the baseball fans may be interested in knowing that she taught Cal Ripken Sr. in the seventh grade! She also helped start a school for the handicapped.

Evelyn Squier Brandt says she has been a widow for 16 years. She splits her time between Brick, N.J., and Bring Breezes, Fla. She retired from teaching in 1987 and enjoys swimming, card games, reading and working on genealogy. She says her two daughters are a real joy, and she has two grandsons. The oldest is a junior at MWC.

Grace Edwards Lloyd wrote a long letter telling of the events of her life since leaving MWC. She lost her first husband, Bill Riddle, in 1979, a year after he retired from the National Park Service. She worked as a substitute teacher a number of times and she was a reservationist for seven years at the Claremont Hotel, near her home. She married her present husband in 1986. They have traveled all over the world. Grace writes that they were pleased to meet President Bill Anderson and Conrad Warlick, retired executive vice president and former director of admissions, during a stop at the campus.

Virginia Johnson Kisner writes that she and Frank visited her son in Maryland for Christmas. They were active in their church and its activities. She misses her good friend, **Mary Wallace Farr**, who passed away in May 1999.

Jean Buxton Moffett says that she has been a widow since 1980. Her eldest son, Frank, lives with her. Her second son has three children, two sons and a daughter. Jean's daughter, **Jean Carter Moffett Welling** '73, is married to a Navy submarine captain. She has two daughters and one son.

Betty Trinklebach Oakley writes that she was a chemist for Du Pont and Phillip Morris. She retired in 1984 and has traveled extensively since that time. She has visited all 50 states and 50 foreign countries. Her family consists of one daughter, son-in-law, and two college-age grandsons.

I had a very nice note from Bill Mann, the husband of **Anne Clarke Mann**. I later called and talked to him concerning Anne. She has been indisposed for 10 years, and he has been her caregiver, with the help and support of numerous friends and some professionals. He hopes to be able to keep her at home for the rest of this year. He has been taking her to Sunday school and church as well as some social events.

Rita Unruh Chinn writes that she taught for six years and then married her high-school sweetheart. They settled in Westmoreland County, where she has lived for the past 50 years. She lost her husband to cancer in 1990. Her son and his wife live in Connecticut and their son lives near Rita. Her daughter recently remarried and shuttles between the Hague, Holland, and Richmond. She has a gift and herb shop.

Frances Wills Stevens writes that she heard from **Barbara Tillinghast Jones**, who has lost her husband. They lived in a Presbyterian home in Summerville, S.C. Frances writes that Floyd, the storm which did much damage in Raleigh, did not affect her family, however she helped where needed, as did many people in the area. Frances is proud to say that she has a grandson at the Air Force Academy. She has recuperated fully from double knee surgery.

Billie Morris Lindner who resides in Ocala, Fla., lost her husband in 1997.

Flora Copenhavor Scott still lives in Chilhowie, Va. Her daughter has three children and lives in Potomac, Md. She informed me that **Frances Rector Steagall's** husband, Henry, died in November 1999. Our condolences go out to Frances. They get together with **Lee Hall Archer** a few times a year.

I keep in close touch with my peninsula classmates. **Natalie Moore Spears** and her husband, Jack, visited their son, Blake, in San Francisco for Christmas 1999. **Hilda Holloway Law** and her husband, Dana, are still active in their French and bridge groups. Hilda enjoys having friends in for bridge, and **Bertha Dickinson Taylor**, Natalie Moore Spears, and I go frequently to her home in Williamsburg. They entertained their children, Dana and Larry, with their families during the holidays with a luncheon at Lawry's in Tappahannock. Bertha Dickinson Taylor is active in her church and continues to give her interesting programs on women of the Bible. She enjoys her Swinging Singers Choral group, plays bridge and visits friends and relatives.

Marmie Stahle Allen is doing well. She and Lee visited in Richmond, where her two sons with their families live, for Christmas. Craig is in real estate, and Billy is a stockbroker. Craig and Suzi have three daughters, and Billy and Anne have a daughter and a son.

Isabel Martin Wermeyer, who resides in Denver, Colo., and Ray have each had knee and cataract surgery. Isabelle is very engrossed in the research of her ancestors. She is writing a paper for publication in Dorman's *The Virginia Genealogist*.

Beatrice Draper Atkinson lives in Severna Park. She enjoys traveling and has a family member who travels with her. She has a large family, and that is wonderful for Bea.

Jane Bonney Mason and hubby Max live in western New York-Batavia. They built their house there 50 years ago and have never moved. They stay busy on the golf course and "birding." They spend part of every winter in Sanibel, Fla. They also enjoy fishing.

Jane hears from **Ginny Westlake Banta**, **Jane Keefer Priewe** and **Catherine Laushey Covington**. She reports that **Jane Jenks Decker** suffered a stroke, but her husband, Bill, keeps Jane Bonney Mason informed. Jane and Max have a daughter, two grandsons, and a son.

Lee Hall Archer writes that she and Hunt still play golf, swim and dance. "We use a cart for golf, we don't swim far, and dance seldom." These are her words! Her typewriter expired in Sep-

tember, and she is trying to master a computer! They take trips to Alabama to visit their son and family — their daughter lives nearby.

I am happy to report that I, Dorabelle, am in excellent health. My only ailment is a back injury suffered in an auto accident in 1990. My family lives nearby, so I feel blessed to see each member frequently. I have three children, two sons and a daughter, two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren! I had a 10-day vacation in Auburn Dale, Fla., in January and go to Nags Head frequently.

We are sorry to report the death of **Betty Thomas Martin**, who died in November 1999. She leaves six children, their spouses, 16 grandchildren, and Billy, her husband.

Dear Classmates, I feel as though I have just completed a term paper trying to write this column — but it has been great fun. It is just great to hear from so many of our classmates. I only wish all of the information sent could be included in our column. Keep your news coming to your class agents!

From Frances:

It is with deep sadness that I bring you news which perhaps you have heard. **Peg Moran Logan** passed away last year from an aneurysm. Peg was a friend to everyone and had such a beautiful spirit! **Ann Dennis Ryan** called to remind me of some points she could recall in a memorial service in San Diego, Calif., in January. Peg was a PE major at MWC, an excellent swimmer and diver, spent four years in the modern dance groups and participated in all four May Day performances. She and Dick returned for several reunions. She was president of the YWCA our senior year. Our love and prayers go to Dick, seven children, numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

From **Evelyn Sheads Appleton** came news that she and husband Roger have returned to Florida, about eight miles outside of Ocala, where many horse farms are. Her grandson is working on an engineering degree at N.C. State here in Raleigh.

Bea Draper Atkinson wrote that she and daughter Nancy visited the Holy Land where they learned much biblical history last year. She also had a visit from **Peggy Pugh Pittard**, and they traveled to the four islands of Hawaii. Bea was one of seven who returned for our 55th.

Betty Rogers Zylewitz of Redmond, Ore., writes to tell us, "I really enjoy *MWC Today*" and wishes she had something "exciting to write." **Migit Gardner Snyder** is still singing her way through Christmas. She moved this past year to Bloomfield Hills, Mich.

1945

Frances Watts Barker
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In June, we will celebrate our 55th reunion, our years together at MWC.

Many Mary Washington classmates wrote news along with Christmas cards. I always look forward to correspondence from college friends; now, as class agent, I can pass on to you happenings in our classmates' families. Please don't wait until Christmas. Send me news throughout the year so our class will have news in each edition of *MWC Today*. I do want to thank you '45ers who kept the news flowing to **Jinny Gunn Blanton** during her many years of service as class agent. I shall attempt to follow Jinny, my roommate, in that capacity.

Last year was a sad one for **Liz Goffigon Johns**. Her son, Bill, passed away in April, and she lost her brother in December. We extend sympathy to Liz. Her husband retired from NOAA in 1977, so they have enjoyed travel and the senior life since then. Liz writes that her close MWC friend, **Marilyn Kitchen Vick** died in May.

Grace Bailey Lindner and Carl spend much time volunteering service for the Salvation Army. Carl sings in the men's choir at All Saints Church in Richmond, and Grace enjoys putting on the costume and conducting tours at Wilton. Their two sons live in Smithfield, so they see their families frequently.

Last October **Mary Lou Conover Miller** and Bob moved to Palm Desert from Atherton, Calif., after 30 years. Their son bought an old inn and restaurant in Leesburg, Va., named Laurel Brigade. Mary Lou assures all MWC alumnae a good night's lodging and delicious food should you be in Leesburg.

Jean Hudson Inskeep's husband, Russell, was paralyzed in October from over-medication in his Syncro Med pump and spent a month in hospitals in Culpeper and Richmond. He is now able to walk using a walker. Their oldest grandson graduated from Virginia Tech in December. Jean keeps in close touch with her roommate, **Louise Lilly Barrett**, who lives in Newsoms, Va. She also writes that **Dot Trivett**, who lives in Grundy, will have to move when the town is relocated due to flooding in that area.

Betsy Shamburger Eggleston and **Ann White Leonard** are neighbors and attend the same church. Betsy's Christmas card was made from an oil painting she did from a photograph of their farm in a snowstorm. I love it; Betsy is very talented.

Elinor McClellan Cox De Camp writes from Phoenix, Ariz., where she and John spend their winters, leaving the cold weather of Indiana. John experienced an atrial fibrillation problem soon after they arrived there, but had improved at the time she wrote.

Mary Ann Burton Mountjoy is not in very good health. She and Wes live in Fredericksburg.

Chris Brauer Krausse and Spott once again proved themselves to be cordial hosts. In November, **Gloria Post Goodsell**, Rog, Jack and I visited them in their home following our meeting in Fredericksburg to coordinate our 55th reunion. Not only did we enjoy Chris and Spott's hospitality, but we saw Chris' sisters, June, **Elsie** and **Anna**. Elsie and Anna are both MWC alumnae. We all attended the centennial concert of the boys' and men's choir at All Saints Church, of which Carl Lindner is a member, and we joined Grace and Carl for an evening in their home. It was a wonderful mini-reunion. Chris and Spott travel and are very active in their church. Their four children and grandchildren give them much pleasure. Two grandchildren will be getting married this summer.

Gloria Post Goodsell graciously accepted the job of coordinator for our 55th reunion. We are especially grateful to her and Roger because they traveled from Texas to Fredericksburg for the planning of this much-looked-forward-to occasion. They spend the summer months in New York on Lake George. Two sons live close to them in Tyler, Texas, and are a great source of pleasure to Gloria and Rog as well as their granddaughter.

Nancy Aitcheson Taylor and Bill escape the cold, winter weather in Virginia by spending time in Punta Gorda, Fla. They enjoy family visits, entertain old friends and classmates. In the summer the Taylor family enjoys the annual week together at Rehoboth, Del.

Skip Potts Taylor writes from her retirement community in Kennett Square, Pa., where she and Wally maintain extremely busy schedules. Their newest activities are water volleyball for Wally and water aerobics for Skip. They both do water walking. Each winter they travel to the west coast of Florida after Christmas, where they golf and enjoy a leisurely life with friends.

Jack and I feel very fortunate to have had a healthy 1999 filled with many blessings. Our days are busy with church and civic activities plus doing house and yard chores. It is indeed nice to have our three children in Tidewater Virginia since June, when our son was transferred from Hawaii to Ft. Monroe, Va. It's hard to realize our grandchildren are young adults who provide us much pleasure with their accomplishments. Jack continues making Chesapeake Bay Skipjack model boats, a project that he is proud of and which introduces us to many local people as well as those from other areas.

1947

Georgia Chryssikos Witt
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Emily Ribet has had hip replacements and wants to get back to playing golf. And she would like to know where **Ray Plante** is.

Ruth Meyer Butler wrote a very nice note about the death of **Lou Hair Davies** in July 1999. Lou is survived by husband Ivor, a son and his wife, and two grandsons. We are saddened by their loss and send our deepest sympathy. The family address is Mr. Ivor Davies, #4 Sunset Terrace, Apalachin, NY 13732.

Helen Jean Clark Haynie '49 wants to get in touch with **Margaret Crickenberger**, her MWC big sister. If anyone has this information, I will gladly pass it along, or you may contact the Alumni Office directly.

Phyllis Hope Peery Riley wants to know, "Why is there no news from the Class of '47 — seems strange." The answer is that class news alternates even and odd years in two publications and appears for all classes in one each year. The other answer is that if I don't get it, you don't get it. I guess we should all take the hint and send more news!

If you know a classmate that does not receive *MWC Today*, have them notify the Alumni Office at the addresses both for snail mail or e-mail found in this issue. The Alumni Association is sponsoring another directory soon, but in order for them to request information, they need to know where classmates are living. Check with those with whom you stay in touch to make sure they are receiving *MWC Today* and encourage them to get in touch if they are not.

Please drop me a note anytime, and I will be only too happy to include it for the next publication deadline.

1949

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We are grateful for thoughtful post-reunion notes and newsy cards during the holidays. We especially enjoyed hearing that those who had attended our 50th felt renewed by seeing our alma mater and dear friends again, especially those who returned for the first time. We'd like to clarify a bit of misinformation given during our class meeting, which lead some to anticipate annual reunions. The confusion came, we believe, from our being inducted into the Golden Society, with the privilege of attending any given reunion

as part of that august group. So, if any classmate or group of classmates chooses to attend an annual reunion, you'll be welcome as a member of the Golden Society, but the official five-year reunion date for the Fabulous Forty-Niners will be our 55th, in 2004!

One further clarification for those who noted a variance in our total reunion donation as we reported in our last Class Notes and that stated in the annual report. The Class Totals column for '49 was incorrect; our total was over $51,000. But the Classes of '39 and '44 exceeded that amount, so while we did not have the highest donation, our 59 percent of donors was the highest. Again, our thanks to everyone who helped us achieve and surpass our goals.

When the fall issue of *MWC Today* arrived, we were surprised to see our report on our 50th had been used as an overall review of reunion weekend, with the remainder excerpted for our regular column. The photo used to accompany our generic write-up was a further surprise. Had we known a picture would be used, we had several more representative of our 50th.

Lucy Vance Gilmer not only shared her photos, labeled with each name, she also compiled lists of everyone at reunion, alphabetized by both maiden and married names, and correctly identified everyone in the class picture. What an outstanding job, Lucy! Incidentally, the official class picture was the first one taken at Monroe, which only Conni and June missed. The retake on Ball steps actually showed seven classmates missing, so it was right to go with the original. Besides, you know that Conni and June were there.

After reunion, **Kate Mayo Schmidt** and Bill made a nostalgic visit to the Radford-Roanoke area. While there, they visited **Ann Jackson Atkinson**'s widower, Lou, who is in a retirement apartment house. Kate said diabetes has reduced Lou's vision and mobility, but he was doing fairly well, all things considered.

Una Hayes Fleischmann, with us for freshman year only, wrote that she agrees with our description of our beautiful campus and adds how impressed she is with the highly rated academic status. Una lives in Weston, Mass.

Peggy Walton Mason wrote, "Our 50th was beyond my highest hopes! It was wonderful to see old friends, and I hope our paths cross again soon." **Mary Lou Vollmer Cloar** also wrote of how much she enjoyed our reunion. Mary Lou, **Gloria Young Tappan**, **Erma Whitaker Bockoven** and their husbands all came together. Mary Lou said being back on Marye's hilltop made her realize "why I loved my years at MWC." The Cloars were to return to West Point this year for Clyde's 50th reunion with the Class of '50 and, appropriately, their 50th wedding anniversary.

Barbara Watson Barden and Bob attended his 50th reunion at the Naval Academy last year and ran into several MWC alumni, who used to attend the "hops" at Annapolis and later married their grads. Among those were our lovely **Flo Archibald Barrow**, **Sue Dunaway Jones** '48 and **Anne Wright Swanson**. Barbara and Bob made the rounds of their children at Christmas, rather than having all gather in Lancaster. Returning home, Barbara began rehearsals for an annual dance program, this year titled "Steppin' Out in 2000," in which she and daughter Priscilla were to perform "Two Women," choreographed by Priscilla. Barbara requested that none of the movements be performed on the floor as she would not be able to rise again, owing to 70+ knees. (Oh, we know!)

Mary Elwang Sharpley wrote that our 50th was a very special time for her, and she really enjoyed seeing old friends. Her former roommate, **Jeanne Farrington Leslie**, and husband Mike visited her in Charlottesville for several days last fall, and they had a great time talking over our reunion. Mary graciously sent two pictures to us from that weekend.

In her card, Jeanne anticipated a family Christmas gathering in northern Idaho, where their #4 daughter, Beth, and her minister husband, Michael, live with "six children, five dogs, numerous cats, chickens, sheep, etc." They were to be joined by the Seattle branch of the family, Laurie and John, on Christmas Day if the mountain pass was free of snow. In a post-reunion note, Jeanne enclosed a snapshot of June's entire suite, depicting the then-youthful, now deceased **Dorothy Repko Hoffman** and the missed **Kathryn Ann Carter** and **Ellen Russell Pittman**. Taken on senior day at Westmoreland State Park, it's the only picture we have of the four of us together; such sweet memories.

All 18 of **Sarah-Kathryn Hayter Helton**'s clan gathered at son Mike's farm in northern Atlanta for Thanksgiving. Proud of each of her four sons, Mike especially delighted her last year when he was named executive VP of NASCAR. While Sarah has not topped Jeanne and Mike's 15 grandchildren, she's overjoyed with her nine!

After moving into a condo in Hendersonville, N.C., **Jean Rekemeyer Kibbe** opted for a new, single-family house again last fall in Winston-Salem. Joan said she wanted to be closer to her daughter, Gretchen, who teaches art at Salem College, and her husband, who is tech proctor at Wake Forest. Joan said she thinks she's going to like Winston-Salem, and she does enjoy the art and drama activities available to her there. After taking such an active role in MWC when she moved to Fredericksburg some 10 years ago, Joan really was sorry to miss our 50th.

Betty Purnell Logan wrote from Delaware that she was so sorry she missed our reunion, but her state of health wouldn't allow her to attend. **Jean Murphy Baptist** also gave her health problem as a deterrent to being with us. Murph has a debilitating sleep apnea, which requires the use of a machine to regulate her breathing during the night. The machine is too noisy and cumbersome for traveling.

Irene "Ronnie" Bornemann Groff was sorry to have missed reunion. **Leora "Nehi" Knapp Mora** '50 sent best wishes for all and thanked us for keeping her in touch with good memories of MWC and old classmates. She hoped to get together with some of those nearby in 2000.

Frances "Frankie" McGlothlin Borkey and Cecil did not have their best year in that Cecil's surgery resulted in the loss of one kidney and, after renal and heart failure, he now has to have dialysis three times a week. Frankie said despite losing a lot of weight and being weak, his spirits are good. She's learned a whole new way to cook, measuring and weighing everything. They still baby-sit with the grands, and Frankie stays busy with church work, friends, bridge and couples bridge. Frankie said she loved every minute of our 50th and told her former MWC roommate, **Marion "Windy" Selfe Kelly** how much she missed. Windy and George were in Quebec City in June, the weekend of our reunion, for the reunion of their "Trois Rivieres" classmates. While they enjoy Bristol, Va., they take several special trips each year. They spent three weeks in Spain last year, and plan another four weeks this summer on the Costa del Sol. As NYC is George's hometown, he has to return from time to time for a "culture shot." They joined a group from Highland Community College for a theater trip. They celebrated their 25th anniversary by flying to Seattle, Victoria and Vancouver, which they enjoyed, but still prefer Quebec. Their next French connection will be in Toronto. However, the Kellys were home to spend the holidays with their children.

After she and her old suitemates serenaded us with a medley of their familiar songs, **Anne "Miami" McCaskill Libis** and Claude spent the summer months at their retreat in Maine. They left Baltimore again in early November to share a few days with **Peggy Elliott Sweeney** and John in Ilion, N.Y. While there, they attended Peggy's performance in her community theater. Our sweet Peggy portrayed the mean grandmother in Neil Simon's "Lost in Yonkers," which Anne said was a fine production, and that Peggy was excellent in her role (against type-casting, we'd say). We continue to be grateful to Anne for spotting **Martha Gene Randall Carson** in one of her stage performances several years ago, which Anne happened to attend. We were delighted to be in touch with Martha Gene again and so happy to have her in our midst for our 50th.

Claude and Anne had a grand two weeks in the Highlands of Scotland with Elderhostel. Staying at a manor house, they took side trips to the Isle of Skye and the Orkney Islands. Anne took the opportunity to spend one day with a genealogist at the Inverness Library, learning more about the McCaskills of Skye. The Libis' Christmas card was a marvelous picture of Anne and Claude sitting in the buggy behind their handsome horse, Ready.

While **Frances Horn Nygood** and Howard don't have horses on their spread in Delaware, they certainly do have dogs. As usual, their holiday card was an original drawing and message from their 11 purebreds and three new puppies. Blackie keeps very busy with her AKC work. **Ann Michael Sturgeon** and Fish planned to head south for their annual trek away from winter, returning to Elkton and their own golf course in March.

Roland Westbrook sent his usual Christmas update on his and our dear **Irvin "Kitten" Whitlow Westbrook**'s four daughters, all of whom continue to pursue their respective careers. Roland and daughter Dawn planned to head for NYC to attend the Radio City Music Hall extravaganza, saying it was something he'd always wanted to do.

Betty Ann "Phil" Phillips had a wonderful time at our 50th. Returning to MWC for the first time, she said she savored the familiar and explored the new, while being able to share some of our special experiences with each other and getting up-to-date with long-ago friends provided the icing on the cake. Her favorite memory, however, was the songfest at New Hall, adding that Betty Bond's playing and Conni's so-special song were the magical ending of her trip back to the place we all love.

With reunion ended and a whole Sunday afternoon free before flight time, **Dottie Desmond Helfrich** graciously took **Conni Conley Stuart** on a tour of F'burg, drove back to Richmond and delivered a grateful Conni right to the airport to return to Toronto. We know they both enjoyed their time together. Last fall, Connie and Bonar headed for a mini-reunion at **Primm Turner ffrench** and John's Stockbridge, Mass., home. Joined by **Norah Pitts Byrnes** and Bill, **Betsy Thorne Bultman** '50 and Phelps, they also went to the ffrench cottage in Cape Cod, which Conni termed "a glorious place." Conni and Bonar had to cancel a planned holiday trip to New Orleans because of "an offer I couldn't refuse: a four-hour mini-series for CBS." Titled "Guilty Hearts," Conni said it's one of those true stories and the second Movie-of-the-Week she's done wherein Treat Williams murders his wife! Olympia Dukakis portrays the mother and Conni plays the mother-in-law. Conni added that Olympia Dukakis

"was very impressive, just like she is in the movies!" We think she couldn't possibly be more impressive to her than Conni was to us with the impromptu perfection of her rendition of the poignant, very appropriate song "As Though We'd Never Said Goodbye." Every one of us felt it was a magic moment and the perfect conclusion to our reunion.

That brings us to our next talented classmate, **Betty Bond Heller Nichols**, who accompanied Conni that last night of our reunion. Conni later sent B.B. a CD of Andrew Lloyd Weber songs, including the Glenn Close version of the ballad from "Sunset Boulevard" immortalized for us by Conni. In October, the four Forever Friends again held their annual mini-reunion. **Dotty Pinkham Booker** and Dave hosted at their home in Vermont, where Betty Bond and Lee, **Chot Baylis Rexon** and Fred, and **Jane Yeatman Spangler** and Bob all convened for another weekend of happy togetherness.

Anne Dulaney Lyons and Keith had a short but fun-filled visit with B.B. and Lee on Christmas Eve, when Andi and Keith made the rounds to visit son Clay and family in Lexington overnight, then on to son Hal and family Christmas day and dinner with the whole family in Lynchburg.

Jane Yeatman Spangler and Bob made their annual "rest stop" at the Nichols' home in Lexington on their way back to N.C. from Christmas with their children in Pennsylvania. B.B. and Lee were to return the favor in February, when they planned to drive to Concord, leave their car with the Spanglers, and fly to New Orleans, where they were to board the *Mississippi Queen* for a Big Band cruise up the Big Muddy.

While 1999 brought us the joys of our 50th reunion, it also was a year which reminded us still further of the physical passage of time. Or, as Chot expressed it, "the parts are rusting and clogging, one way or another." Chot deemed her complaints as minor, having a new lens in one eye, limited activities due to herniated discs, arthritis and old-age back, but added, "We're still here and kicking!"

Last year, Andi had corrective surgery for a prior surgery; then Keith had a very bad fall, resulting in several broken bones in the neck and base of his skull. Betty Bond had a hip replacement, right after Lee's major surgery. Jane had her gall bladder removed, making a speedy recovery in time for the trip to Vermont. **Lucy Vance Gilmer** underwent needed cataract surgery in August, with the second yet to come. **Jackie McConnell Scarborough** slipped on an icy step last February, resulting in a painful back injury; however, she and Les made most of the activities at our 50th. Jackie had her surgery in September, but she still requires a back brace. And not to be left out of the trend, **June Davis McCormick** joined the lengthy list of those who've undergone the big "H" surgery. Happily, the diagnosed cancer was contained and no further procedures were necessary.

May this turnover year of 2000 bring health, peace, sunshine and rainbows, love, laughter and a fair measure of happiness to all of us — the still-Fabulous Forty-Niners! As ever, love from boffus.

1951

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Hello! First, I need to correct an item from last summer's edition. I goofed — **Anne Zirpel Josefy** did not have two knee replacements — it was her husband, John. She tells me she still has all her original parts. Sorry I made that mistake, Anne. While on the Josefy family, John resigned his job as mayor of Highland Haven this past year, so they have a little more time for traveling to Oklahoma, Vermont and all around Texas. All their children are in the same places: Sharon and family in Amarillo, Richard and family in College Station, Martha still in College Station and planning to be married in August.

Got a call from **Hannah Lou Southwell McGowan** in January. She is doing just fine. She wanted to make sure I knew all about her trips to Williamsburg with some of our other classmates and their spouses. **Carolyn Bowers Atwell** had written me a note telling me about the trip. Those that went were **Jean Tomko Chapman**, **Eugenia Moran Cheney**, **Anne Taylor Miller**, **Jeanne Burckell MacDonald** and their husbands. They toured, shopped, ate at special taverns and just enjoyed being together.

It was so good to hear from **Patricia Wise Ritter**. She lives in Central Florida and is teaching at Daytona Beach Community College and sometimes at Stetson U. Her older son, Jeffrey, is with a law firm in D.C. He has two daughters. Her younger son, Christopher, and his wife, Jessica, are new proud parents of a son. Pat writes that she travels abroad when she can. She also belongs to two reading groups and volunteers at her church.

Got a note from **Lois Bellamy Martin Strode**. She and Hil were married in March 1999. Each of them had fine marriages of 47 years (94 total), and they marvel that they have this new partnership. She still lives at the same address.

A Christmas card came from **Sally Mount Blazevic** and David. They have lived in Arizona for a year and enjoy it very much. Their son is in Seattle, and daughters are in Iowa and Utah.

Lorraine Frantz Foulds wrote that she and Fritz are going to move into a retirement village not far from where they live now. They planned to put their house on the market in March, providing they could get rid of a lot of things. Fritz had cataract surgery and is enjoying much better sight and the brightness of colors. Lorrie is still deep into duplicate bridge.

Sarah Herring Estes has finally come through with a little bit of news. Her daughter, Sarah Kay, and husband had a daughter. Sarah and Jimmy are also very proud grandparents of 5-year-old twins.

Betsy Fletcher Adams called to tell me that **Alice Ponte Woodruff** '50 passed away from cancer on December 5, 1999. She was an avid horseback rider and was always with our classmates.

Ruth DeMiller Hill hasn't been getting as much news as she usually gets at Christmas. She reminded me to announce **Barbara "Bobbie" Kelley**'s death in March 1999. Ruth also told me that **Winnifred "Winnie" Horton Brock**'s youngest daughter, Sherri, is back in Russia working as a missionary. Sherri is also raising two adopted daughters. **Ann Penney Ross** is doing fine and had a good year.

I got Ruth out of bed, and she did have something to say that really makes you stop and think. We aren't getting any younger. She turned 70 this past summer (as a lot of us did last year), and she felt at one time she was going to fall apart. She got bit by a tick, started itching, visited four doctors, got scabies, had three treatments (she kept saying she had gotten mites from the tick), had surgery (took hunk of meat from her), pathologist said infection from mites. See — no one really listens to us "old folks."

Heard from **Constance "Connie" Kontopanos Cole**, who wrote: "This is the first time I have taken the time to bring you up-to-date on me and my life since MWC, but every time I look at our alumni news it concerns me that we are not more faithful in keeping up with one another. So here it goes!

"After graduation and a couple years of work, I married William H. Buddy Cole and lived the first year of marriage in Albuquerque, N.M. We then returned to Virginia Beach, where we made our home. Our lives were blessed with first a daughter, Susan, and then a son, Bill.

"I began teaching elementary school in 1958 and continued in education for 35 years. I spent half of my career in the classroom and the other half in central office administration. It was an interesting career since there always seemed to be a major change every six or seven years. That's probably typical of education, always changing. It tends to keep us on our toes.

"My husband was a victim of psoriatic arthritis, and of the 43 years we were married, he was either chronically ill or critically ill for 34 years. He suffered much pain, but never quit fighting or exhibiting his sense of humor. After a long illness, he passed away in October 1996.

"Susan taught elementary school here in Virginia Beach for six years and stopped when her daughter was born. She is married to an Episcopal priest and lives in Great Falls, Va., with my lovely granddaughter.

"Bill earned his bachelor's degree in accounting at ODU, passed his CPA exam, earned his MBA at VCU, and is employed as the deputy auditor of public accountants for the state of Virginia. He and his family live in Richmond. His family consists of Karen, his wife, and my two younger and adorable grandchildren.

"After retirement, I find that my life is busier than it has ever been. I spend time with retirement groups of friends, volunteering at church, visiting friends and just having fun. Life is good and I'm content. I see some MWC friends occasionally, but I tend to see more of my high-school friends since many of us never left Virginia Beach for very long.

"I really would like to hear from some of my classmates and sincerely hope that they will be in attendance at our reunion."

I got a Christmas card from **Lois Feagans Cobbs**; she didn't write so I called her. She is doing OK and had a pretty good year.

Don Whittle wrote (another first-timer) that the best news for '99 was that his wife, Beatrice, and he attended the 50th reunion at MWC. This was their first time back in 48 years, and they had a great time. Don is semi-retired, does a little church work, swims three or four times a week and keeps up with the stock market.

My life, for the last couple of months, has been a wee bit complicated. Edgar had a heart attack in early October and had a triple bypass two days later. Out of the hospital in six days, but after that, it was downhill all the way. He was 70 on Sunday and in the hospital the next Sunday. Left hospital for a week, back in hospital with a bacterial infection — back in surgery, opened his chest and left it that way for 10 days so germs could be treated, sewed him back and went back home, back to hospital after a week, back to surgery and opened his chest again. Two and a half weeks later, they sewed him up again and sent him home. We spent 28 days going back and forth from home to hospital for infusions for the infection (called MRSA). Finally, on Jan. 8 we finished the trips (which took about three hours each day). Of course, he still has an open wound in his chest that hasn't healed. They tell us that it will just take time. He is getting his strength back little by little. Wow, what an experience — I should write a book!

1953

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From Barbara:

Catching us up on her activities was probably easier for **Joan B. Schlesinger Miller** than keeping up with her schedule. She is president of the auxilary to the two Sentara Hospitals of Norfolk and also serves on the executive finance committees for the Virginia Opera. Then there's golf and travel. She enjoyed a cruise from Barcelona, Spain, to Rome, Italy. While in Murano, Italy, she searched for "some exciting blown art glass." She also went to Palm Springs, Calif., for golf and Christmas and to Las Vegas for New Year's.

Travels took **Barbara McFarland Carper** on a 10-week tour of 22 states in the West and Midwest. After husband John retired, he and Barbara bought a conversion van and followed their dream to travel the U.S. When Barbara wrote, she and John were planning a five-week sojourn through New England and Canada.

June Christian Tuttle wrote that she and **Deigh Renn Simpson** went to **Barbara Hamilton Fraley**'s house when **Helen Rearden** '54 was visiting from Houston. They had a grand time reminiscing about the "old days." **Doris Lindsey Whitfield** wrote that she enjoyed seeing MWC classmates **Barbara "Bobbie" Caverlee Schuler**, **Janet Chinn LeCouteur**, **Peggy Flippo Cocke**, **Patricia A. Heflin**, **Margaret "Peggy" Hall MacNaughton**, **Peggy Snellings Rampersad**, and **Betty Jean Walker** at her 50th high-school reunion. That's pretty good, a high-school reunion *and* a mini MWC reunion at the same time!

Being a piano teacher to her four grandchildren, who live nearby, is a joy for **Virginia "Ginny" Poole Kinniburgh**. Her other musical family is still in Michigan. Viginia and husband John continue to travel there and to North Carolina and Florida to visit relatives. They also enjoy mini-reunions with Marine Corps and American Gas Association friends. Summer Sunday afternoons often find them at the ballpark watching the Baltimore Orioles.

Ginny and **Kathryn "Kitty" Garland Obenshain** are already planning the 50th reunion booklet and ask for a response from each of us when they request information. That seems the least we can do when they're doing so much to put it together.

1955

Gretchen Hogaboom Fisher
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As I write this in January 2000, we've added a fifth granddaughter, with our son Albert and wife Vicki's adoption of Shannon Victoria, and a second grandson born to daughter Allison and her husband, David. Our big happenings this year, other than our exploding family, were our trip to Greece, Turkey and Italy, culminating in Florence, where we stayed at a hotel which had been a monastery, and the Fisher/Hogaboom family reunion at Thanksgiving, which was riotous with all 22 of us at my dad's old farm in St. Mary's City, Md.

Phyllis "Bee" Melillo Shanahan and John met Skip and me at MWC last fall, when Bee and I attended the June 2000 reunion planning conference. Bee and John did a chunk of traveling this year, with relatives in Ireland, a cruise with friends in Canada, and later motoring through Iowa, Illinois, Missouri, and W.Va., where they enjoyed everything Appalachian at an Elderhostel.

Sally Hanger Moravitz, queen of the Elderhostel trippers, pronounced their trip to the British Isles as the best yet, with a week at the U. of Limerick in Ireland, a week at the U. of Edinburgh studying Scottish culture, and Chaucer's & Shakespeare's London. Sally's husband, Fran, is deeply involved in Habitat for Humanity, doing the actual home-building. Their son, Brian, was with the Fairfax County FEMA team in Turkey during the earthquake rescue efforts. As I write, Sally and Fran are again Elder-tripping, this time in Sonora, Mexico, and Monterey, Calif.! **Jackie Whitehurst Hertz** reported that she and Jim took a long-planned five-week trip driving through the U.S. and Canada, with their end goal being the Alaskan Highway trek. She and Jim also took a rather brave trip using military "space-available." They were headed for Spain, but ended up in Bavaria in February with 30 inches of snow! Jackie and Jim visited **Nancy Shope Armbruster** and Joe at the latter's home in Santa Fe, where the men went off elk hunting, and the gals got in some golf.

Anne Lou Rohrbach Culwell wrote from Blanchard, Okla., that the monster tornado, which devastated the area last May, missed her home by only a mile. She traveled to Italy last year for what sounded like a 10-day hiking trip. "I never walked up and down so many hills in my life; however it was worth it to see all of the beautiful churches and countryside." Anne Lou is one of the few of us still among the ranks of the employed.

A good letter from **Dotty Booth Sanders** said that she and Dewey are the grandparents of 1-year-old David, presented to them by their son, Craig, who recently finished his residency and is with a family clinic in Ohio, near Dotty. They recently took a trip West, including Las Vegas, Zion National Park and Mesa Verde. They also enjoyed a trip to Cape Cod and Canada in which they were accompanied by Dotty's 92-year-old mother! Dotty, please inform your mama, that she is the great-grandmother of our 1999's "Most Beautiful Baby" contest winner. David Joseph, your MWC sweatshirt is on its way!

Joan Kleinknecht writes from Fairfield, Conn, that she also is a volunteer for Habitat for Humanity, in addition to Americares and the Red Cross; the courses which she took through the latter, she said, prepared her for anything! Joan has also been taking courses in art and film and has taken up painting.

A phone call to **Polly Stoddard Heim** in Florida revealed the astonishing fact that she has a 20-year-old grandson (Is that a Class of '55 record?) who's a senior at Berkeley! She and Ken have five other grandchildren. Polly says every May they drive to California to visit their kids and return home to Florida in September — a very wise plan.

1957

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Jane Perlman wrote from Florida that she retired from the Air Force in 1979. Jane's mother died in September '98 after almost five years in a nursing home. While in Hampton at her mother's funeral, Jane visited with **Joan Haywood** and **Elizabeth Yancy Haywood**. She says it was great seeing them again after all these years. Jane took a sentimental journey in May last year by traveling to Italy. Jane and her mother were on the first boat of dependents going to Italy after WWII. Italy has changed a lot in 53 years!

A wonderful letter last June and a Christmas card from **Barbara Craft Grantz** shared news of her life and family. Barbara and Walt also traveled to Italy last May, as well as to Sicily and Oslo, Norway. Barbara is active in a newcomers group and has tried to activate the MWC alumnae in her area. Not much success in that department, but she keeps on trying. At Christmas-time, she and Walt flew to California to be with their children and grandchildren. She was saddened to hear of **Carol Strusinski Sotomayor**'s death. This sad news has given heightened awareness to the precious moments she shares with family during the holidays.

A Christmas note from **Ann Davis Spivey** shares plans for a New Year's get-together with John and **Judy Denton Quillin** in Lexington.

My husband, Charlie, and I took a two-week trip to England with IBM friends in February. We traded our time share in Florida for time in England. Brrrr. February was cold and wet, but we had a great time anyway. In May, we traveled to China. I wanted to go before we get too old and before the Chinese dam up the Yangtze River. In between trips, we travel to Charlottesville often to football and basketball games. I am a mentor to a young boy in middle school. We read and play chess together.

1959

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Hello all! **Carol Noakes Robinson** works for a telecommunications software company out of Dallas. These days, she's on assignment in Charlotte, N.C., for First Union Bank. The rest of the time she telecommutes from her office in her home. Sounds good to me!

Cecile Duncan Folan, who lives in F'burg, retired from teaching last June. She and her husband, John, took a fantastic trip to Ireland last summer. They think they covered it all! In September their youngest son married a lovely girl from Albany, Ga., and they live in Marietta. Their other children live in NYC, Washington and F'burg. No grandchildren yet. Cile took a pilgrimage to the Holy Land in October with her church — a wonderful experience. She keeps in touch with **Mary-Louise Cork Hendrix**, who is a grandmother, in California. Cile does volunteer work, plays bridge and mah-jongg and travels.

A postcard from **Carmen Culpeper Chappell** from Andalusia said that she and John were on a 16-day cruise of the south of France, Morocco and Portugal in October, but made it back in time for Jennifer's second daughter's birth. Carmen and John are busy building their new house.

Gloria Winslow Borden welcomed her 12th granddaughter, Kelly, in December, born to Cliff and Lynda in Monterey. This year her highlights included our 40th reunion; baccalaureate speaker at Lee H.S.; taking her twin granddaughters, Kate and Beth, on a church-sponsored trip to the Dominican Republic; having Michele, another granddaughter, accompany her on a camping trip in Humboldt to attend a wedding; and enjoying a "Martha Stewart" Thanksgiving at daughter Cynthia's and Rob's new home in Texas, with daughter Caroline's family coming, too. Caroline's husband, Mike earned his Ph.D. and is a professor at U. of Tennessee. Beth and Dan and family pursue their dream with the Jim Eliot H.S. they started as well as Beth's phenomenal success with Creative Memories.

Ann Brooks Coutsoubinas Spiros continues as a legal translator. Ann is teaching 30 first-graders in Queens. She does a lot of grant writing for the CUNY Literacy project. Greg, her son, is a paramedic with Midwood Ambulance Service in Brooklyn. He lives in Astoria and might move closer. Anastasia and Jeremy work for a health publishing corporation in New Jersey.

Beth Shochat Cole has moved from her house of 35 years to an apartment and likes it because she is so close to Teri, Debbie's daughter, who is in sixth grade, is doing well academically and is quite a gymnast. She was the bar champ in the Mid-Atlantic states region for her age and class. Debbie enjoys coaching at the same gym. Beth's children all helped her move! Julie, Tom and their three children spent a couple of weeks with her during the summer, and Cindy, George and Alexandria spent a week, too.

Mary Carolyn Jamison Gwinn says Burt is still working at state police headquarters. Mary Carolyn is teaching two math classes at Monacan H.S. and plans to receive certification for the last time. Cathy and Michel spent Xmas with them. Cathy has gone into the financial field and is no longer teaching. Mary Carolyn's mother, in Covington, broke her pelvic bone last spring, and that has slowed her down enough for Mary Carolyn to keep up with her.

Celeste "Pug" Shipman Kaufman, Alan, Jeff and Julie are very proud of their Dr. Tammie, who continues to teach at Old Miss and is doing research on historical development. Alan continues as golf coach at U. of Alabama — they are in 32nd place nationwide. Alan and Pug went to Ireland for golfing and sightseeing and to Italy for their 40th anniversary. August found them in Colorado for a month of relaxation. Jeff runs the Wall Street Deli, and Julie has her own sandwich shop. All five grandchildren, according to Pug, are in every activity known to man and they all do well. The holidays were spent in B'ham and then a trip to Vero Beach for January, February and March.

Julia Coates Littlefield wrote that Mo retired at the end of '99. Julia will continue for a while working on *The Delta* on a part-time basis. Their travel for the foundation this past year included Seattle in April, Maine in August and September, and as hosts of a Holland-American cruise tour through the Panama Canal with 30 Sigma Nus, friends and relatives on the *SS Noordam*. Son Scott attends William & Mary in the MBA program. Susan is a dentist's receptionist, and is happily settled in Williamsburg. Daughter Bess, Mike, and Jack Henry are still in Richmond, but Mo and Julie manage to attend several soccer games to applaud their MVP.

Nancy Brewer McCarthy wrote that her left foot is still being uncooperative. She is on some new medicine, which, hopefully, will make a difference. This problem has curtailed her travel plans considerably, since it's difficult to walk long distances and to drive. Nancy and Bunky spent September at the Outer Banks again. They had a very quiet Christmas holiday.

Barbara Gordon McNamee has been playing a lot of golf this year, as does Bob. He continues to teach at the VCU Medical College of Virginia Dental School one day a week and volunteers one morning at the Community Health Center. This year he oversaw the Operation Smile Gold Tournament which netted $35,000 for charity. Most of the family was at the beach in August. Barbara's synchro team at Wm. & Mary finished ninth nationally and is attracting serious swimmers to the college. During the year Barb traveled to Rome in June and Seoul, South Korea, in September. For Xmas, she and Bob were on a millennium cruise in the Caribbean when the year 2000 arrived. Karen, Kevin and Brittany and Ryan are close in Williamsburg. Rob Crabtree is in Arlington and is a full-time electrical engineer and a part-time contractor. Dan Organ is in Colorado, working as a computer programmer.

Mary Massey and Jack Meiners had several close-in camping trips this year with grandkids, then headed to New England and Canada for an extended camping and hiking vacation. However, they were bothered with much rain and Jack's bronchitis. They had only three memorable days of glorious hiking in Vermont and Acadia National Park in Maine. Next year — New Orleans with Potomac River Jazz Club to do some sightseeing and enjoy lots of ragtime and Dixieland jazz. Mary will be going to Alaska for 12 days with the Audubon Naturalist Society, where she still volunteers. Jack's already been several times.

Barbara Barndt Miller and Ralph have a new champion. They sold Just A Bargain and now have a gray thoroughbred yearling named Over The Counter, who has won many awards. Ralph had a total knee replacement in July — by August he was showing, riding and hunting the Bellwood hounds. In October, Barbara and Ralph took a fishing trip to Canada. They have a favorite guide, favorite fishing hole and favorite scenery. Ann continues to nurse in the intensive care unit at MCP. She travels and baby-sits the farm when Barbara and Ralph take off a few days.

Nina Winder Miller has been named director of recruitment for the health service division of Senior Campus Living, which is headquartered in Baltimore. This is a national network of retirement campuses. Previously, she developed the home health service for Charlestown Retirement Community in Catonsville, Md., and was director of health services for Oak Crest Village Retirement Community in Parkville, Md.

Eleanor Markham Old's mother passed away in May 1999. We send condolences. Jimmy, Beth, Parker and Tyler are still in Pensacola. Hurricane Dennis did some roof damage to Eleanor and Arthur's home in Point Harbor, N.C. They had a large hole in the ceiling. The hardest part was getting the contractors to show for an estimate. Eleanor had a busy year as conference chairman for the 103rd annual conference of the Pennsylvania Society Daughters of the American Revolution. Arthur was her number one helper. His name tag read "Gofer for the 1999 State Conference Chairman." During the summer, Eleanor worked at a kiosk owned by the Dutch Wonderland at the Pennsylvania Dutch Visitors' Bureau. She took a rest from being a tour guide. Arthur still substitutes at the area vocational schools and teaches flying.

Irene Piscopo Rodgers celebrated her 60th birthday in '98 on a cruise to Estonia, St. Petersburg, Finland, Denmark, Sweden, Norway and England. What a super trip! In March '99, Irene was skiing in Jackson Hole, Wyo., with a side trip to Yellowstone and Old Faithful. Irene and Don had their 30th anniversary in July — they celebrated it, however, in March with a three-week cruise to South America. In September, Irene closed up the electron optics lab in Mahway which Don had originally set up. She now works from her home for FEI and continues her consulting and real estate business. It's great not to commute, but she says her working hours are longer. The week before Christmas, Irene was off to the Czech Republic, via Vienna, for consulting on some optics instrument problems.

Marianne Carrano Raphaely wrote that Chris and Julie were expecting their second child in January. That gives Marianne and Russ five grandchildren. **Sally Warwick Rayburn**'s year was extremely fast: in January they were at their time share in Spain; in February, in Hawaii; in March, in New Orleans; and in September, Maine, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. Children and grandchildren are all doing well.

Phyllis Hartleb Rowley and Jim enjoyed their month in Barcelona, Seville, Lisbon, Gibraltar, Casablanca, Tangiers and Majorca, Malaga, — should I keep on? Children and grandchildren are fine. They know all the plane routes to Palm Beach, San Francisco and Atlanta. Phyllis continues her activities of golf, tennis and gardening, the ocean and pool and U. of Miami football games. They were at the Rose Bowl game.

Anne Saunders Spilman and Bob participated in the Senior Olympics in tennis. They played in the Nationals in Florida this past year. In October, for their 40th anniversary, all their children and grandchildren came home! They planned to spend Xmas with Jim and his family in Illinois.

Ann Watkins Steves and Bob had a spectacular cruise last January in Buenos Aries. In March, David and family drove with Ann and Bob to Florida to visit Bruce and family — so many cousins. In May, after leaving our reunion, she and Bob went to Rhode Island to visit Linda and her family. Then, in October, with David and family to Linda's. Bill also came and brought his own tent, and all the brothers, sisters and cousins helped celebrate his birthday. Bob is still working 20-25 hours a week for Polatomic. Ann is extremely busy with the church library. It was a year of fun, love, caring and concern for family and friends.

Priscilla Brown Wardlaw is coping, thanks to family and friends, with Charlie's sudden death. Her mother lives very near. Rob is in Westchester, so she sees him often. Chris continues to reside and teach English in Tokyo, and he was home for the holidays.

Still forcing my fifth-grade sweethearts to learn. Virginia is moving to a larger apartment in order for her two cats to have more room to drive her crazy.

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Wasn't that a great picture of **Lynn McCarthy**, **Sylvia McJilton Woodcock**, **Judy Saunders Slifer**, and **Polly Updegraff Champ** in the fall 1999 *MWC Today*? They made us proud of our class — not only for their dedication to the memorial plaque project but also for still looking so cute and youthful.

My former roomies and suitemates sent notes like **Barbara Steen Paulman** who is thrilled she became a *granny* in October. They visit England often as their daughter, Julia, and family are still in London. Son Fred is engaged, so it'll be wedding time again in Illinois. Barbara and Roger visited with **Prudie Shepard** in Connecticut during a three-week trip through New England. Hank and **Pepper Jacobs Germer** have bought a 1903 Victorian dream house and have been happily restoring it. They enjoyed several trips to Europe and visits back to Virginia. Both continue to work — Pepper with 16 years at KAIT-TV in Arkansas.

Carolyn Crum Pannu, still teaching and tutoring ESL adults on the San Francisco peninsula, found a new spiritual home with a Unitarian Fellowship and is actively working at finding facilities to house the homeless. Carolyn heard from several classmates over the holidays, including **Barbara Upson Gravely** and her husband, Martin, who retired from teaching. They moved from their long-time home in Wilmington to a cottage in Hockessin, Del. **Peggy Kelley Reinberg** '59, Carolyn's MWC big sister, attended Barbie's son's wedding in D.C. last fall.

Carolyn's accompanist at MWC, **Betsy Ottley Taggart**, is living in Cheyenne, Wyo., and recently retired from US West. She visited one of her daughters and her two grandchildren in Germany last year. Dewey and **Nancy Edmunds Morris** wrote that they were enjoying their grandchildren immensely. Dave and **Sue Wilson**

Sproul are looking into retirement plans and added New Mexico to their possible list after a big family reunion in Albuquerque. All of Sue's children live relatively close to Reston, where Sue has lived for 30 years, watching it change from an experimental village into a nest for AOL millionaires.

Carolyn forwarded a wonderful photo that **Mary Turner Willett** sent of her stunning family in Virginia Beach. Mary still loves playing golf and tennis and appears to be drinking from the same Fountain of Youth as **Lloyd Tilton Backstrom**. Lloyd enjoys having Art around a little more since he closed one of his outdoorsmen stores. They still ski and travel and keep very fit. Mary also included a copy of a photo clipping of **Vaughan Hargroves Scott**, who chaired an Egyptian-themed fund-raiser for the Virginia Museum of Art in Richmond, which was a huge monetary and educational success.

Ellen Gotwalt Willing sent me a photo in her holiday note of the proud new grandma with her first grandchild. Ellen and Bill continue to visit Florida and Hilton Head often and last year included a 60th birthday trip to Canada. Speaking of significant birthdays rolling by, **Dodie Tyrell** '60, managing a UCSF/government-sponsored Alzheimer's Disease Research Program in Sacramento, complained of dates telling her about their hip joint replacements instead of taking her to new hip joints.

Thanks to **Lynn McCarthy** for sending me all her mail in between her busy, busy schedule of doing genealogical research and helping a Rocky Mount, N.C., library recover from Floyd's flooding. **Graham Walker Burns** enjoys grandmothering her first. She and Bud continue to live in Chattanooga with their large brood spread around the Southern states and the granddaughter and family in Michigan.

Grant and **Nancy Wright Wright** gathered all their family and grandchildren last summer in Duck, N.C., and then enjoyed fall trips to Quebec City and to Grant's 40th USNA reunion. Jim and **Joan Gibson Lippold** both retired this past year; Joan after 32 years of teaching. They celebrated with a Mediterranean cruise, a trip to Texas and a return trip to China. Their two precious grandchildren live only a mile away.

Sarah Leigh Kinberg has been traveling about as usual — Germany, Hawaii, East Coast tours and the annual Alaska treks. This last time, she and Tom were joined in Alaska by suitemate **Sylvia Garland Wickwire** and her husband, Bob, who recently retired to Savannah.

Becky Paris Spetz gave up her 22-year cross-stitch business after tiring of the royalty reports and taxes. She continues to tutor math students, plays contract bridge and enjoys having her two grandchildren live just down the street in Lynchburg. **Becky Young-Butler Guy** lives in the Fredericksburg area and was able to join Lynn and the group at the plaque dedication last June. She had a tough year with husband Jim's heart problems and is looking forward to a family wedding in San Francisco in May and a much-needed vacation touring the Southwest with Jim.

My holiday mail also contained a newsy letter from world travelers Andy and **Connie Booth Logothetis**. They had been from Maine visiting sister **Linkey Booth Green** '63 and the Green's new granddaughter, Emily, to skiing in Colorado to California to support daughter Elaine's M.A. thesis defense. More traveling to Greece and a three week in-depth visit to Venezuela, which included Angel Falls and Merida in the Andes. After the Greek trip, Connie joined Wayfaring Travelers and her MWC roomie, **Bitsy Wright Coxe**, in French Alsace and the Black Forest for some hiking and trekking.

Connie received a photo from **Sandee Judkins Armitage** in Peoria, Ariz., of her daughter's wedding, and Connie said she found it difficult to pick out Sandee from the bridesmaids. Connie also heard from **Jean Ryan Farrell** and Frank, who live in Atlanta. One of their sons lives in Norway and builds Coca-Cola plants all over Europe. Jean and Frank volunteered at Mission Honduras and went scuba diving off the coast recently. While husband Cliff retired this year, **Eleanor Knight Jensen** continues to work at Praxair and likes it. They manage to travel extensively and spent the holidays in Anguilla.

While in California, Connie and Andy visited with **Jane Riles** in San Diego. Jane was one of many who replied to my January e-mail plea for news. Jane treated herself to a 60th birthday solo trip to Bangladesh, which provided interesting material for her successful painting career. She recently won Best of Show in the San Diego Watercolor Society exhibition for one of her Bangladesh works. Jane has a fabulous Web site. Check it out at http//jrilesart.webjump.com. She was expecting a visit from Clarence and **Clara Sue Durden Ashley** in February for the opening of her next exhibition in La Jolla.

Clara Sue and Clarence briefly amused themselves attending the impeachment hearings in D.C., but definitely enjoy their four grandchildren more. Clara Sue designed the Fairfax County quilt block for a statewide quilt which was subsequently made into a calendar. Her design is on the cover as well as September.

From the Midwest came e-mail from **Sandy Walters Julifs**, who for 27 years has been with a nine-county community action agency and is now president and CEO. She pulled husband Harold out of his retirement to help with Tri-County Opportunities Council. Her two sons have given her three "perfectly wonderful" granddaughters. **Kelly Cherry** e-mailed from Wisconsin that she is engaged to fiction writer Burke Davis III. Kelly is a humanities/English professor at U. of WI, was an Eminent Scholar at U. of Alabama in the fall, and a Writer-in-Residence at Hollins U. in the spring. Her newest book is a collection of stories about friendships and community titled *The Society of Friends*.

Another '61er college professor, **Carolyn Barnette Wright**, e-mailed from Florida that she is recovering well from chemotherapy for ovarian cancer and is getting her energy back. She rather enjoys her new thick and curly hair. **Judy Saunders Slifer** and twin **Eleanore Saunders Sunderland** are also doing very well post-chemo. Judy enjoys laboring, harvesting and canning from her large garden on her farm on the banks of the Severn River. They had many fallen trees and branches from hurricane Floyd just days before a niece's wedding on their lawn. Judy reported that sister Eleanore spent a vacation in Paris in November. Judy also had news from **Pam Anderson Kingston** '62 and her husband, Jim, who have moved to Seabrook, S.C., from Connecticut and are waging a chemo battle with Jim's throat cancer.

Judi Early Toxie retired after 32 years as a teacher and principal in the Montgomery County, Md., school system. She and Al split their time between Ocean City and Venice, Fla. — sailing, fishing and rescuing boaters with the Coast Guard Auxiliary.

Dee Doran Cairns is still in Montgomery, Ala., and teaches sixth grade. Dee's roomie and sister-in-law, **Patty Cairns Hourin**, and Jim took several spectacular trips last year — a month touring and golfing in Australia, New Zealand and Hong Kong, a home exchange trip to the British Open in Scotland and then a week in the South of France. They are looking forward to their son Scott's wedding in California in June. **Lynne Williams Neave** and I e-mail back and forth about once a week, except when she is playing hermit at their new place in Florida. Dick and I are looking forward to a visit from Lynne and Sandy on their way to Tahiti. Lynne's roomie, **Peggy Howard Hodgkins**, keeps busy reading and with her deep involvement with her UCC church in Maine trying to get the vote to become an "open and affirming" congregation. She was planning a visit to NYC with her daughter-in-law and sister the same weekend that roomie Lynne was to be in L.A. with us — bad timing.

I have a new and very fun job after 18 years at the art gallery. I'm still on the campus of Cal State Northridge with the same e-mail address, but now I am with the theater department as the administrative analyst/specialist. Don't tell my superiors that I avoided all math classes at MWC; I've got them fooled into thinking I'm some sort of budget expert.

Start planning your schedule around our 40th reunion next year, 2001. When you receive our request for updated information for the reunion booklet, please respond. We would like to have *everyone* in the class included. Thanks!

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Phyllis Cavedo Weisser and her husband, Frank, have moved to Duluth, Ga. Frank is still with BellSouth, and Phyllis has been busy decorating the house, directing the repairmen, and playing tennis. Frank III is a senior at the Naval Academy and their daughter, Ashley, is a freshman at Georgia Tech and is enjoying all of her new sisters in her sorority, Zeta Tau Alpha.

Kathy Burke House and her husband, Bill, live in Frederick, Md. Kathy teaches math at Frederick High School, and Bill does programming and manages software development at Bechtel. "Our extra hours are devoted to home repair (as usual)," said Kathy, "and church activities. We teach high-school Sunday school and take some teen-agers during the summer to Appalachia to do home repairs." Daughters Koby and Susan are married. Koby lives in Pittsburgh, studies and works at Carnegie Mellon, and Susan lives in Houston and is a medical student at UT. Mark graduated from U.Va. and works in Richmond, and Andrew is a senior at Rice U.

Stephanie Cadman Coker and her husband, Wesley, live in Nashville and are now proud grandparents of Bradford, daughter of their oldest daughter, Chandler. From the Christmas card picture, Bradford is just as pretty as her mother, aunts and grandmother.

Becky Seal Shepard and her husband, Bowie, live in Richmond, where Becky is the director of the Powell Endowment at Collegiate School. Bowie has retired from teaching chemistry full time but still substitutes occasionally, and Becky says that having a house-husband is great. Daughters Jenny and Heather are both married. Heather and her husband live on the outskirts of Richmond, and Jenny and her husband are in the process of moving to Charlotte, N.C.

George and I still live in Richmond. He is campus director of J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College. I'm still doing the publications, public relations and photography at St. Christopher's

School, but retired last year from teaching in the theater department at the U. of Richmond after 23 years. Our son, Jim, and his wife and stepson live in Chapel Hill. Rob is a civil engineer in Durham, and Beth is a junior at Meredith College in Raleigh — so we have the tri-city area of North Carolina pretty well covered.

Don't forget to send your news!

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Please keep the news coming. By the time you are reading this I will have been to my son, Chip's graduation from MWC.

I received a Christmas card from **Patsy Grubbs Farmer** saying that she and Bernie really enjoy being grandparents. **Sheryl Gates Brindle** wrote that she and husband Paul moved from their big suburban home in 1997 into a small condo in downtown Portsmouth, to be closer to the water. She has a small practice in bankruptcy law right across the Elizabeth River, "so while everyone else is fighting the traffic through the bridges and tunnels, I hop on the ferry." She knew in law school that bankruptcy was the area she wanted to specialize in. She represents both debtors and creditors, but prefers debtors because, "I feel like most of my clients really need my help and they are so much more interesting."

Last summer Sherri and Paul moved a step closer to their dream of living on a boat and spending "the rest of our days cruising once we retire." They bought a 1979 Gulfstar trawler that, although sound, needs a lot of TLC. They plan to spend the next four to five years restoring her and then spend several years cruising the Inland Waterway up through the Great Lakes and down the Mississippi before venturing out into the Caribbean. They live on the boat while their youngest son, Damon, lives in the condo. Oldest son, Chris, finished Virginia Tech in December, majoring in electrical engineering. He had been co-opting with Raytheon in Dallas. He, his wife and 2-year-old son may end up back in Dallas, but meanwhile, Sheri and Paul enjoy having him and his family in Virginia.

1969

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It looks like our Y2K problems were about as dramatic as the bright lights of the Comet Kahoutec! That wasn't a complaint, however! We're really dating ourselves if we can remember that non-event! I hope it wasn't my failing vision, but I must say everyone looked dynamite at the 30th reunion, and some of the current male coeds were shocked to hear when we graduated!

Pat Weller Wigginton, our outstanding reunion coordinator, was honored with a Senate Resolution by the Maryland Senate for her outstanding leadership of the Maryland Homeowner's Association, of which she served as a president from 1995-1999. She also was presented an autographed copy of *The Persistent Activist* by Ralph Nadar, a guest speaker at her last meeting! What an honor for a most-deserving person!

Congratulations also go out to **Lin Ferrel**, Art Supervisor for Chesterfield Co., Va. for being the recipient of the 1999 Virginia art supervisor and administration award! Lin organized a three-week educational trip for a group of her art teachers to Cuernavaca, Mexico, last summer and my 12-year-old son, Andy, and I were pleased to be able to join them. Besides studying Spanish and Mexican art, we visited the Pyramids at Teotihuacan, Mexico City, Taxco and Acapulco. After working hard to improve my Spanish, I am back teaching French this school year.

My husband, Jeff, and I made an unforgettable trip to Norway, where we vistited Oslo, took the breathtaking mountains and fjord tour and saw the Northern Lights when we visited the Arctic Circle. The overused word "pristine" is the only word to describe the cleanliness and purity of the natural beauty there.

Jean Polk Hanky was pleased to report that the Class of 1969 Laura V. Sumner Scholarship fund currently has $49,779 as of 9/28/99! She encourages everyone to continue contributing so that we can help one more student. Jean received a heartwarming letter from **Sarah-Jane Rebecca Gamon** '03, the current scholarship recipient, thanking our class for the scholarship money of $1,620 she received. Apparently tuition, room and board fees are now over $8,500 at MWC! I can remember when it was $2,000! Remember, all you Devils, that there are a lot of deserving, bright students out there who would have a hard time attending college without our help. Jean also shared news about the beautiful wedding and reception in September of **Beth Stewart Coleman**'s son, John, in Richmond, Va. John is employed in computer information systems, and his bride is a C.P.A.

Other interesting news arrived from **Carolyn Bauer Le Jeune**, who has been living in the beautiful city of Prague, Czech Republic, for two years with her husband, Dave, who runs the computer shop for Radio Free Europe. She has extended an invitation to visit her if any of you are in Prague. Carolyn's daughter, **Rebecca**, a 1995 MWC graduate, recently finished her master's degree at Va. Tech, and currently lives in Northern Virginia. Her older son, Dave Jr., lives in Herndon and has his own computer company. Her youngest, Nick, has joined the Army. Carolyn and her husband have also bought an old home in Louisiana to return to after they leave Europe.

Christie Wineholt e-mailed **Pat Weller Wigginton** about the devastation from Hurricane Floyd in North Carolina. My daughter-in-law, Amy Selby Slusher, a reporter for Channel 8 TV in High Point, N.C., covered the flood story live for two weeks and also had many horror tales of ruined homes, lives, hundreds of floating livestock carcasses, poisonous snakes, fire ants and the indescribably pervasive stench left behind by the slow-to-recede flood waters.

Karen Kilgore Ralston had a mini-reunion in October 1999 at the Isle of Palms, S.C., with **Betty Ferguson Foster**, **Bonnie Page Hoopengardner**, **Linda Huff Alderson** and **Linda Marett Disosway**. They felt as if 30 years had disappeared as they spent great times together on the beach and in Charleston. They are all still married to their original husbands and have kids ranging from 27 to 21 who are all doing great in their schools and jobs. Only one of their combined 12 kids, Bonnie's son, is married. Karen's two children went home for Christmas — her son from Colorado, where he is in law school, and her daughter from Australia, where she's studying marine biology.

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From Betty:

Wow! I heard from 38 of you! I wish *MWC Today* had room to print the unabridged versions of your wonderful letters.

Julie McClelland Seder lives in Warrenton, Va., with Jim, her husband of three years. Her daughter is a freshman at James Madison U. Julie has hypnosis certification and is pursuing a master's degree in psychology. She plans to join Jim's practice (he's a psychologist focusing on hypnosis) when she retires from her job as a congressional analyst. Julie last saw **Karen Laino** and **Elaine "Cookie" Brennan Wright** a couple of years ago, and sees **Kathy Fletcher Foster** periodically in Warrenton, where Kathy's sister, Ann, lives.

Mary Randolph "Ranny" Nichols Corbin is married to a "townie" and has become one herself. Ranny has three daughters and for four years has been executive assistant to the president of MWC. She says, "Anyone who has not returned to MWC since Campus Walk was added should come visit!"

Mary Smith Carson lives in Vienna, Va. A former director of alumni at MWC, she is retired from the American Gas Association and started a gas energy consulting firm five years ago. Her husband, Roger, is retired, and they work together on some projects. They have three grown children and four grandchildren.

Amy Long Fields lives in Lancaster, Pa., with her husband, Robert. They work together in real estate. Amy's MWC roommate, **Anne Gibson Snyder**, is pursuing her fine arts career and recently participated in a six-artist gallery tour in Frederick, Md.

Mary Weaver Mann lives in Fredericksburg with Jim and their 10-year-old son, who has performed professionally in a local dinner theater. Her older son, a Virginia Tech alumnus, recently became engaged. Emily, 21, is finishing her last semester at Mary Baldwin. Mary promotes breast-feeding as a La Leche League volunteer. She also works at the Central Rappahannock Regional Library, whose director is **Donna Griffin Cote**.

Beth Fleming Skidmore lives in Richmond, where she teaches second grade at St. Catherine's School. Her sons are active in sports and choir. Beth and her husband, Alex, look forward to traveling in the year 2000.

Susan Edmonds Whitlow will move in summer 2000 from White Stone, Va., to Ashland, where her husband, Dave, is the new town manager. Their son is a senior in high school and has received early admission to U.Va. Their daughter graduated from the U. of Pennsylvania in 1999 and teaches fourth grade in Philadelphia.

Carol Matthews Engel returns to MWC often, as her daughter, **Kelly Lynn**, will graduate from MWC in May 2000. She and Richard live in Virginia Beach, where their son, a teacher in Hampton, was married in September. Carol recently saw **Dianne Reeves**, now known as Holt Reeves, who has moved from California to Richmond and is a nutritionist for the State of Virginia.

Pam Rave Hall works for New York Title Insurance, and her husband, Steve, teaches academic subjects at Newport News Shipbuilding Apprentice School. Her daughter was graduated from Bridgewater College in May and was married in October; her son is a junior at the U. of Richmond. Pam keeps in touch with **Diana Rupert Beard** who lives in Port St. Lucie, Fla.

Peggy Brown Coon and Doug have gone from Pennsylvania to Denver to Houston to Bethlehem, Pa. One son graduated from U.Va., and the other is "a third-year Wahoo." Peggy, a former English teacher, is involved in volunteer work and has expanded her vocabulary by taking up golf!

Jan McNiel has been in Orange County, Calif., since graduation. She is "constantly amazed" to be running a financial department in a hospital, the Medical Center of UC at Irvine, since science and math were her worst subjects. Her husband is retired, and they hope to move in a few years to their second home near Death Valley.

Mary Jane Chandler Miller lives in Lyndonville, Vt., with her husband, Fred, and 15-year-old twins, Mike and Natalie. Karen, 21, will graduate from Dartmouth in June 2000. Mary Jane uses her Spanish and some French in her work as a customer service rep for an import/export company.

Judith Murray Wood lives in Croton, N.Y. She has been a nurse for eight years and is now doing community health nursing. Her husband, Ralph, practices law in New York City. She has a daughter at Berklee College of Music and a son in boarding school.

Sally Reichner Mayor lives in Crans-Montana, a ski resort in the Swiss Alps. One daughter works for the International Skating Union in Lausanne, and the other is at the U. of Geneva. Sally works in adult education; she also owns a company which operates hot air balloon rides in the Alps.

Nancy Richardson Kenyon lives in Greer, S.C., with her husband, Willy. Their children are all grown. Katie, recently married, is an attorney in Pittsburgh. John works at the Chicago Board of Trade. Annie is a nurse in Baltimore. Nancy substituted in the Delaware schools for 13 years before moving south. They were planning to return to Delaware in January 2000.

Linda Shoemaker Maxwell lives in Staunton, Va., and has been married to R. Linwood "Max" Maxwell since 1984. She has 12 step-grandchildren! Linda works as budget analyst for the facilities management department of James Madison U.

Mary Anne Burns, after nearly 20 years in Los Angeles, has moved with her companion, Maureen Kilday, to Blue Jay, Calif., a mountain area with four seasons! Mary Anne, seeking a trade more pleasurable than the business world she has left behind, is "engaged full time in fashioning some merging of digital technology and fine art."

Susan Brown Lohin lives in Massachusetts and works in the alumnae office at Wellesley College. She reports "an empty nest and an empty bank account with three kids in college." Her sons are at Castleton College in Vermont and Rollins College in Florida, and her daughter is at St. Michael's College in Vermont. Susan keeps in touch with **Wendy Dickenson Smith**, **Diane Redfern Shelton** (a grandmother!) and **Pat Naybor Marshall** (recently remarried and moving to St. John's).

Janet Sisk Horne lives in Salisbury, Md., and teaches communications at Salisbury State U. In the past year or so, she has traveled to New York, Chicago, and St. Louis presenting papers.

Vicky Calhoun Eastham lives in Amissville, Va. She teaches high school math in Loudoun County, Va., and teaches evening classes at a community college. Her daughter works in cancer research at U.Va. and has been applying to medical schools. Her son attends U.Va. on a Navy ROTC scholarship, will graduate in May, and has qualified for flight school.

Sharon Ferjanec Werner took early retirement from AT&T two years ago and now teaches ADHD learning-disabled fifth- and sixth-grade kids in Martinez, Calif. Her only son, Aaron, is 14 and "fixes everything in the car and around the house." Sharon spent last summer in Spain and Israel.

Marie Droste Martin teaches French in the Giles County Public Schools and lives in Newport, Va., near Blacksburg, with her husband, Darrel. They have two daughters — one at U.Va. and one at Tech, which probably makes them a very dysfunctional family during football season!

Stevi Smith Moore lives in Columbia, Md., with **Bill** '73 and their son, a U. of Delaware graduate who is a business operations associate (they don't know what that is, but they hope he will start paying rent soon!). Their daughter, married in September 1999, lives in Nashville and works for Junior Achievement.

Gail Schultz MacLeod is in San Diego, Calif. She and George plan to move to Lexington, Va., in a couple of years. Gail has a one-woman planning consultant firm. Her major client is the San Diego Zoo, and she got to attend the naming of the new baby panda!

Betty Whichard Robinson and Jim are in San Antonio, Texas. Jim is working temporarily for John Hancock Life Insurance in Boston but may make a permanent change soon. Betty teaches at a computer software training company. They continue to play tennis, run (Betty hasn't missed a day in over 13 years) and travel.

Shirley LeVines lives in Palmyra, Va., and will retire from teaching by June 2001. She and Tom, a retired minister, have two sons and four grandchildren. They have been married for 45 years!

Jennifer "Jan" Nere-Minter lives in Mechanicsville, Va., with her husband, Wayne, and her 16-year-old daughter. Jan juggles two part-time jobs (preschool teacher and reference librarian) and volunteers at her daughter's high school.

Sheila Page Gault lives in Vienna, Va., with Skip and their youngest son, who is 14. Her two older boys play lacrosse at Middlebury College in Vermont. Sheila and Skip have been completely around the world and have spent time in 14 countries since their marriage. Sheila saw **Becky Smith Bouygues** two years ago in Paris and occasionally sees **Carol Scouten Harrington**. Carol lives in Florida but has returned to the D.C. area to visit her parents and to run in the Marine Corps Marathon.

Bryn Irving Roth and Dick live in Stafford County, Va., and celebrated their fifth wedding anniversary in 1999. Bryn's son and his wife, married in 1997, plan to move from Milwaukee to Virginia this year. Bryn teaches reading in Spotsylvania County and may retire within a few years.

Joyce Garber Gamse lives in Arlington, Va., with Roy and their teen-age son and daughter. Her family recently traveled to Yosemite to see the giant sequoias as part of Joyce's 50th birthday celebration.

Bonnie Massey Swerdlow lives in Gaithersburg, Md. She reports no news, except that her only Y2K preparation was to store five gallons of drinking water in her basement. I'm sure she's glad that was more than enough!

Kathleen "Kathy" Dawson Caldwell lives in Charlottesville, where she practices law. She returned to Virginia in 1987 after the death of her first husband. Kathleen is active on the boards of the local battered women's shelter and legal aid society. She and Ham, her husband of nine years, "have a 3-and-a-half-year-old grandson who keeps us on our toes." Kathy reports that **Rose "Posie" Jacobs George** lives in Morganton, N.C., where her husband is county administrator, and she teaches high school. Their daughter is at UNC/Chapel Hill.

Patricia Brown Reedy lives in Stafford County, Va. She and John have two daughters, both students at MWC. Patricia and John have enjoyed being on the Parents Council for MWC; she describes being an MWC parent as "a different feeling."

Danna Steen Horak lives in Conroe, Texas, and takes care of a "full house" which includes a husband, Mark, their three children, four cats, two dogs, a rabbit and a gerbil.

Carolyn Wolfe Maccubbin lives in Winchester with her husband, Tom. Their older son was married in June 1999, their daughter is a senior at Elon College, and their younger son is a freshman at Hampden-Sydney College. Carolyn is lead teacher in an elementary school.

Kay Thompson Cole and her husband Ford live in Springfield, Va., with their teen-age daughters. Kay is a substitute teacher for the Fairfax County Public Schools.

Barb Halliday and her spouse, Rick Imsdahl, live in Hayward, Calif. Barb has worked for 20 years for Norcal Mutual Insurance Company and is active in local government as a member of the planning commission and other city committees.

Lynda S. White, married to David Burke, has used both of her master's degrees in library science and art history at the Fine Arts and Alderman Libraries of U.Va. She has written articles about art and visual resources and co-edited a book on cataloging images of art and architecture.

Mary T. Bradley MacPherson's husband, Willie, passed away in 1997. They had no children, but Mary has "a niece, nephew and several godchildren to spoil." She lives in Reston and is executive director of Netpreneur.org, a non-profit organization which supports Internet entrepreneurs in the Washington, D.C., area. Mary went to Provence for the big five-oh last year.

A couple of years ago, I had a mini-reunion with **Virginia "Ginny" Forrest Karnas,** who recently realized she wanted to be a nurse when she grew up and has become one, **Chris Hollis**, who as of Christmas 1998 lived in the Boston area, and **Vicki Gunnell Currie,** who lives in Leesburg, Va. Ginny and Fred still have a home in Fredericksburg but live in D.C. during the week to be closer to their jobs. One daughter is at Radford, and the other is at Tulane. Vicki and John have one daughter, who is in veterinary school. Vicki works for a group of cardiologists in Northern Virginia. I live in Fredericksburg, work at our regional library, and am married to **Randy Hume** '75. One daughter is a freshman at Randolph-Macon College (formerly a "boys' school") in Ashland; the other is a sophomore in high school.

By the time you read this, the year 2000 will be almost half over. Don't let this year end without writing to let your classmates know something about you!

1973

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Due to a job title with IT (Information Technology) attached to it, I was ecstatic to receive most of the class correspondence through e-mail. However, there wasn't nearly the response of a year ago. Please take the time to drop me a line.

Susie Baril Bourne and husband Royce went on a second honeymoon in November to California, which started off in San Diego. **Sue Basile Harris** and I met her for lunch, and we had a wonderful time catching up. As Susie wrote in her Christmas letter, "the 26-½ years melted away. We all agreed we looked better now. Of course!" Susie's oldest daughter, Christyne, began law school at William & Mary after spending the summer working for Congressman John Kasich from Ohio. Erin is a freshman at Furman U. Susie continues to substitute-teach at a middle school and tutors math after school. Sue taught third grade in a private school for eight years but now

devotes her energies to raising her 9-year-old son, MJ, and dog, Finley.

My family was very busy last year. Terri graduated from USC and immediately began a wonderfully challenging job with the L.A. office of Arthur Anderson in business consulting. Kelly spent the fall semester in Rome, where she somehow managed to complete five courses while also seeing Italy, France, Greece, Switzerland, Germany, Austria, and the Czech Republic — and a myriad of other destinations at the end of a Eurorail Pass.

The lunch conversation also included stories of **Carol "Happy" Anderson**, **Pat Watts Doty**, and **Anne Gray Jones Fuller**. Happy is teaching first grade in Dale City, Va., but still finds time to continue as counselor, psychologist, sociologist, etc., after school hours while bartending in Georgetown. Pat works for her church and teaches preschool. Daughter Kate is a sophomore in high school, and son Joseph is an eighth-grader. Anne Gray still resides in Fredericksburg. She has two children in college. Ross graduated from VMI and is attending dental school. Sarah is a sophomore at U.Va.

Barbara Barnes Krug is doing long-term substitute teaching while engaging in numerous volunteer activities. Oldest son, Adam, is working as an investment banker for DLJ in Dallas. Matt is at the U. of Texas and is majoring in history. Travis is in his junior year, a Cow in West Point lingo, and will be on his battalion staff for the spring semester. Youngest child and only daughter, Whitney, is a classic busy high-school senior. Barb is excited about the possibility that she may go to MWC but is not looking forward to next year when everyone is gone.

Kathy Daley Buckley has been married for 26 years to Ronald, her high-school sweetheart. He is a family-practice physician in Allentown, Pa., where they have lived since 1977. They have three boys: Christopher, who will graduate in June from medical school; Peter, who is a junior at Penn State majoring in electrical engineering; and Jonathan, a junior in high school. Kathy returned to work 10 years ago as a speech therapist in an early intervention program. It gives her the opportunity to work in a classroom setting as well as doing individual clinical work.

Lynn Carver Ware wrote that her husband's job required a move from Richmond to Georgia seven years ago. Lynn went back to school to get a Georgia teaching certificate after being out of public education of many years. She is currently in her fifth year alternating between teaching second and third grade. This year she was named 2000 Teacher of the Year for her school. Congratulations! That is quite an accomplishment. Lynn and husband Nick have two children: Leslie, a freshman, and Chris, a senior, at Georgia State U.

Dale Cole Carter lives in South Bend, Ind., with husband Bill and their three children. David is a sophomore at Indiana U., and twins Chris and Rachel are seniors in high school. Dale works at the U. of Notre Dame as lead decision support analyst, providing data warehousing and decisions support. She plans to start on a master of science in administration degree in the fall.

Janet Hedrick has been offered a terrific job opportunity. She will be joining U. Mass. Memorial Health Care Foundation in Worcester, Mass., as director of development of the member hospitals. Her first project will be to manage a $1 million capital campaign at Marlborough Hospital in Marlborough, Mass., for a new emergency room and a new front entrance lobby.

Patricia Stewart has settled in the Tidewater area. Her older son, Josh, is a junior at Longwood, and younger son, Patrick, is a high-school senior. Maybe Patrick and Whitney Krug will both end up at MWC. Patty is currently practicing physical therapy in a hospital outpatient therapy center in Norfolk. 2000 started off well with Patty being among the 50 percent of applicants to pass the specialty exam to become a certified hand therapist. Dr. Hoye's anatomy and physiology class has proven itself over and over through the years. Patty stays in touch with classmate **Susan Cahill-Aylward**, who is in the Washington area. The beach house is always open for any MWC alums that travel to the Tidewater area.

1975

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From Deb:

Anita Waters has been granted tenure and a promotion to associate professor of sociology/anthropology at Denison U. in Granville, Ohio. She has had recent publications in *The Journal of Black Studies*, *Caribbean Quarterly*, and *Museum Anthropology*. She lives in Newark, Ohio, with her two sons, Roger and Jeremy Ledgister.

Linda Miller Sanford lives in Blacksburg, Va., with husband Ed and two daughters. Linda first came to Blacksburg to work on a master's degree in psychology, which she never finished (she say's it's a long story), but with the birth of her children, she started a part-time career in adult education, including going back to school and completing a master's in adult education. Linda started a new job in July '99 as family literacy coordinator with the New River Valley Literacy Volunteers of America. Until June, when their federal grant ran out, she taught adults in a family literacy program called Even Start, which was affiliated with the public schools, a job she loved dearly.

I took a trip to sunny Pasadena, Calif., last July to check out Cal Tech with son James, who is a senior in high school this year, daughter Margaret, 13, and husband John. My former roommate, **Susan Early Decesari**, drove up from San Diego and **Carol Pappas Bartold**, who lived next door during our sojourn in Russell second north and now resides in Glendale, joined us. It was a 24th reunion, of sorts, with lunch at the Cheesecake Factory — what a nice way to catch up with old friends!

Susan works part time as a medical technician at a private hospital in San Diego and with husband Bob in his electronics business the rest of the time. Son Rob is a student at the U. of California-San Diego. Susan and Bob are bigtime sailors, with four boats. Not surprising, since they met when Bob was Sue's sailing instructor! Carol is a freelance C.P.A. and writer. She also sings with several choruses in the L.A. area and recently traveled to New York City and Princeton, N.J., to perform. I work as a program analyst at the National Defense U. in Washington, D.C., where I prepare cost analyses and perform management studies for university programs and courses and manage the Resource Management Directorate Web site. When not in the office, I can generally be found in the minivan being chauffeur for the kids.

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From Lori:

Lisa Shipp Logue and husband Bob have been blessed with a beautiful baby girl, who they adopted upon her birth last June. Lisa is a stay-at-home mom, thoroughly enjoying the opportunity to see the daily changes in her daughter. At the age of three months, Caitlyn took her first plane ride when the family flew from their home in Sumrall, Miss., to Virginia to attend the wedding of Lisa's sister, **Molly Shipp** '83.

Lori Catanzaro Sciadini was named director of international programs at Vanderbilt U., a position more compatible with her favorite job — mom to Natalie, 3. Lori is in touch with **Mary Hobson** '80, who is a certified nurse midwife and lives in Westchester County, N.Y.

Resa Cirrincione Schaffer and husband Steve are off on a new adventure this spring in Abilene, Texas, where Steve accepted a new job as a Web developer. Resa, being a remote employee for a legal publishing company in New York City, can work anywhere, as long as there is a telephone line and electricity. She spent the winter in New Hampshire's White Mountains transitioning their B&B/restaurant to a live-in caretaker. **Robin Bedingfield Brown**, husband Tom, and sons Connor and Travis will be moving in June from Crofton, Md., to Key West, Fla., where Robin will run the joint Cryptologic Support Group.

Ellen Stanley and **Pam Clapp Hinkle** got together for a Washington power lunch in December when Pam was in town for a conference — two PR/marketing communications professionals yakking it up for two hours about old times and new lives.

My husband and I and our two children are now settled back in the San Diego area, where Craig is getting ready to take command of the Fleet Combat Training Center Pacific, and I'm the executive officer of the Naval Consolidated Brig Miramar. In plain English, that means I'm the deputy warden of a medium security military prison. This summer, I'll become the commanding officer (i.e., the warden). Much to my surprise, I absolutely love the job; it's by far the most interesting thing I've done in the Navy. There's even an MWC grad on the brig staff; **Denise Finch Martin** '93, is a licensed clinical social worker in the Air Force. Back in September, I was fortunate to meet a number of other alums when we had a San Diego area alumni reception. There are over a hundred alumni in this area, so we hope for more opportunities to get together in the future.

1983

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From Marcia:

Salutations, classmates! I have much news to report. **Billy Pugh** recently took his family, wife Allison and daughters Katherine and Lindsey, on a tour of MWC to show them how proud he is of his school. Billy says he met his wife in a tennis league in Atlanta — she was a retail buyer for Rich's Department Stores before motherhood forced her to become CEO of the Pugh family. Billy spent the first 14 years after college with the Athlete's Foot Group Inc., putting grad school at ODU on hold while he moved to Atlanta. Billy moved from store manager to district manager to regional manager to operations director to merchandising director and finally to director of marketing and advertising (using the four Ps of marketing that Dr. Whitman taught him). His title changes brought moves from Virginia Beach to Fairfax to Cincinnati to St. Louis to Houston to L.A. to San Diego to Seattle to Denver and finally to Atlanta in the corporate office. He worked with Nike and Reebok to market The Athlete's Foot. In 1997, Billy moved to the entertainment side of retail with Six Flags Theme Parks, owned by Warner Brothers at the time. Now owned by Premier Parks, they have more than $900 million in revenues. Billy was also given responsibility in food service and moved to Dallas/Ft. Worth. Along the way, he has served on the board of directors of two universities, Georgia Tech's Graduate Studies in Sports Management and Kennesaw State's Cole Business School of Marketing. He also garnered an award for retail design, innovation and creativity for the Looney Tunes Exposition Store at Six Flags Over Georgia. For fun, Billy and his wife play in a tennis league and keep involved in community and family. Billy keeps in touch with **Tim Money**, who is an executive in merchandise planning with Kohl's Department Store based in Milwaukee. Tim and wife Melody have three children.

Barbara Balogh had some exciting news — she is the first woman to serve as the president of the Augusta County Bar Association in Waynesboro. She recently found another MWC graduate, **Julie Nichaus**, by accident in a church in Richmond. They were schoolmates from fourth grade through college and had lost touch for the last 15 years. Julie moved to Richmond from Northern Virginia in 1998 and works as a sales rep for Stryker Medical, a medical supply company. At the end of last October, they took a girl's vacation to San Francisco and Sonoma Valley, where they enjoyed both the wine and scenery.

Sharon Robertson Williamson and family moved to the west end of Richmond last September to be closer to work. Her oldest started kindergarten last September, and the younger son attends preschool. Sharon reports that she, **Muffin Williamson Wilson** and **Diane Poole Schwarz** attended their 20th high-school reunion, where, of course, they had a blast. Muffin and family moved from Atlanta and are now living in Great Falls, Va., due to a job change for her husband.

Scott Harris' job as director of the Manassas Museum System keeps him very busy, as he is involved with the long-range strategic planning process. Scott is overseeing restoration of two Civil War forts and the $1.5 million renovation of the 1908 Manassas Building as a cultural arts center. He also serves on the board of the Virginia Association of Museums and History Committee of the Virginia Civil War Trails Inc., which keeps him busy traveling around the state. Scott and Diann's son is a whiz at major league baseball standings, and their daughter started kindergarten last September. They got together with **Vince DiBenedetto**, chairman of the Winchester Republican Party and deputy sheriff in Loudoun County, when Vince was in Manassas recertifying his police driving skills.

Cathy Cooke visited with Dr. Bill last year. They had laughs discussing pre-renovation Chandler and the 1983 senior psychology party. Cathy also visited with Dr. Hampton. Working on her master's in psychology at ODU, she and hubby are living in Newport News. Cathy got a research assistantship and is concentrating on the effects of parental substance abuse on children. Her husband, Michael, enjoys his park ranger job in Newport News and is completing law enforcement training. Cathy visited with **Kathleen Hamilton Taylor**, now living in Virginia Beach — they hadn't seen each other for 10 years.

Lisa Harris Coleman said that they are building their house in Smithfield with her husband as general contractor. All is status quo with them, with life busy as ever. **Joe Davoli** has moved from New York to Atlanta and is working as senior consultant with Metamor Worldwide. **Susan Jones Hollister, Estie Corey Thomas** and **Susie Leavitt** visited with each other in D.C. in late 1999. Susie is busy with job interviews and has completed her certification as an aerobics instructor. Susie also bought an apartment in D.C. and in her spare time, boxes!

Farah Maynor Marks talks to **Terry Sckinto Hogan** quite a bit, and all is well. Farah is still working at RMWC and had an MWC alumni event in Lynchburg for the first time in years. It turned out so well that another event has been planned. **Teresa Childers Peterson** switched jobs in 1999 to be in the analytical research group at Kimberly Clark, a pure research position that she loves. Terry and Mark still live in Alpharetta and love it.

As for me, my youngest son was on the kindergarten chess team that captured the national trophy in December 1999, so there was quite a bit of excitement for a while. My 7-year-old is quite the creative one with his piano playing. My 10-year-old won fourth place in the state for chess, again, in his age bracket — he is also leading his brothers into the netherworld of Pokémon. I have begun my own medical practice consulting business, so between that and being installed as president of the Jefferson County Medical Society Alliance, I am on overload!

1985

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Greetings from Charlotte:

Thanks to those of you who sent me class news.

For the past two years, I have been fortunate enough to stay at home with our daughter, Caroline. I am also tutoring about 12 hours each week out of our home. I enjoy that a lot. My husband, Phil, continues to teach business classes at Oakton High School and is also in graduate school studying sports marketing at George Washington U. He's busy but enjoys the subject. We lost our greyhound, Trevor, last June. He was our first baby and is still missed. We'll probably get another sometime in the near future. In any spare time, I still run and go to the gym.

I heard from several of you over the past few months. **Lori White Wright** is busy with her three children. Jacob is in kindergarten and the twins are full of energy. Her sister, **Cindy White McClellan**, is a third-grade teacher in Loudoun County. **Cathy "Cuff" Gibbons Kunkel** is busy with her two daughters while teaching first grade in Fairfax County. **Pat Reinhardt** is married and lives in Massachusetts. She runs a new company called Digi-Block that makes math manipulatives for elementary-age children.

I also heard from **Sidney Griffith Keith**, who updated me on many of our fellow classmates. Sidney and husband Mark have a son. Sidney is the program manager of technical operations at the Office of Air Quality Assessment for the Va. Dept. of Environmental Quality. She enjoys her job, which allows her a great deal of flexibility, so that she can be the classroom mother for Ian's class. They went on the *Disney Magic* last summer and said it was terrific. Another MWC alumni, **Scott DiPardo** '92, works at AQA. Sidney also heard from **Melissa Felts**, who is the manager of Hancock Fabrics in Fredericksburg, and has two four-legged sons. Sidney reported that **Deborah Andrejack Bechtel** is married to Steve and lives in Milford, N.J., with their two children.

Debbie Crenshaw Nelson has three sons and works at MCV. **Kara Kelly Pascale** lives in Ashburn with her husband, Joe, and their three girls. **Susan Morgan Huck,** husband Ted and daughter Margaret Blair live in Berwyn, Pa. **Lynne Runik** is married to Lloyd, has two sons, and lives in Louisa. Lynne works for Trigon in human resources. **Emily Hubbard Talpas** and husband Jeff live in Chester, Va., with their daughter. Emily works at MCV.

Robin Rouchard lives in East Bend, N.C. I also heard from **Renee Allen Kuntz**, who has just returned to the Baltimore area after living in North Yorkshire, England, for the past five years with her husband, Scott. They were transferred there because of her job with the Department of Defense.

Mary Ruth Venditti Yao tried some new things, such as Girl Scout leader and camp instructor. She also tried breaking her foot, which took four months to heal. Husband Joe, who is a software engineer for Hadron, took time off from his volunteer activities with the fire department, first aid unit, and Red Cross to help her during her down-time. He also ushers at church, where the mothers tell their small children he's the bouncer, so they all behave very well during services. Mary Ruth and Joe enjoy watching their three children grow and thrive.

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Gwen Martin Rouse was married last summer. Gwen and Jeff had several MWC grads at their wedding, including **Dave** and **Pam Heller Black**, **Peter Baxter** with wife Christa, **Kathy Weissenborn Fox** and husband John, and **Margo Crews Underwood** and husband Clay. Gwen teaches at Massaponax High School in Spotsylvania, Va., and Jeff is a retired Olympic swimmer who travels around working to inspire other athletes. Gwen and Jeff live in Stafford, Va.

Jennifer Bessom Klaussen has been married to Daniel for five years, and they have two children. They had been living in Northern California but moved to the Atlanta area. Jen sent information about other MWC alums. **Kathy**

Caughill Delacruz is living in Baltimore, Md., with her husband, Charlie. **Susan Ripley Dalton** lives in Richmond, Va. She and husband Michael have been married 10 years and have three girls. **Patti Bowe Gillis** '86 is married and lives in Chantilly, Va. Patti works for TRW and has a son and a daughter. **Karen McMillan** lives in Reston, Va.

Sharon Komito Ruben lives in Northern Virginia with her husband, **Dave Ruben** '88 and their two girls. Sharon earned a master's in biotechnology management from the U. of Maryland in 1996. Dave is the head tennis pro at a country club, and Sharon works out of her home for a pharmaceutical company. True to what Sharon's roommates always said about her being lucky, she was on "The Price Is Right" in 1991 and won a sailboat. She also kissed Bob Barker, spun the big wheel and got into the showcase at the end of the show. Sharon, if you remember, met Billy Idol our freshman year and had an infatuation/shrine to him in her dorm room.

Lisa Perdue Anderson lives in Chesterfield, Va., with her husband, Mike, and their two children. Lisa works as an elementary art teacher in Chesterfield County. She sent me some information on other MWC alums. **Marty Vermillion Spence** has three daughters and lives in Kernersville, N.C. **Melanie Brown Munster** and her husband live in Glen Allen, Va. Melanie is a sales director for AFLAC. **Angela Spain Dunmire** and her husband have a son and a daughter. They live in Stafford, Va. **Julie West Nolan** and her husband live in Oakton, Va.

Tracy Annis-Johnson is living in York Beach, Maine, with her husband, Butch. Tracy writes that **Corrine Quevedo Carson** lives in Fort Smith, Ark., with her husband, Doug, and their two children.

Greg Malakoff and his wife had a son in April 1999. **Debra Rose Hamilton** wrote that she and her husband moved from Charlotte, N.C. Debra and her husband are consultants, and they will be spending time in Philadelphia, Connecticut, and, hopefully, Europe. **Angela Goforth Harrow** lives in Williamsburg and has been working at the Williamsburg Community Hospital as a pharmacist for eight years. Angela became the director of the pharmacy in 1999. She and her husband, Joe, have two children. **Nina Rodriguez Aydar** and her husband, Erol, live in Richmond, Va., with their son. Nina has a nursing degree, and she finished her master's in public health in summer 1998. Nina works in the ICU at MCV, and Erol is an engineer in Richmond, where he also has been a paramedic for 18 years.

1989

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From Sharon:

I have several birth announcements to share! **Leighann Scott Boland** and her husband, Jay, had their second son in November. Leighann still does contract work for the Virginia Association of Museums and writes that **Stephanie Martin** '92 filled in for her while she was on maternity leave.

Page Swartz Buehren and husband Joe had their second son in the fall, also. **Robin Cunningham** and **Scott Karr** '90 had a little girl in the spring. **Sarah Daffron Koon** and husband Dave had their first child in December. I saw Sarah and Hannah (both beautiful!) over the holidays while they were in town. The Koons live in Terra Haute, Ind., where Dave completed a graduate program in sports physiology last year.

Katie Neilsen King and husband Tim had their first child in October. **Denita "Dee Dee" Tate** and husband Cecil Gray had twin boys in September. Dee Dee has four children under the age of 5! She works for Circuit City in the corporate payroll department.

Elizabeth Ferdinand Smith and husband Billy had their first child this year. **Kelly Kavanaugh Barr** and husband Alan had their first child early in 1999. They reside in Blackstone, Va., and both work in the education field at Kenston Forrest School.

Kat Fink Agnew and husband, **John Agnew** '87 had their third child this year. They also built a new home in Locust Grove. **Anne-Marie Turnage** '90 and Sandy Barney had a little boy in October. **Samantha Pillar Ellis** '91 and husband Gary had a little girl in October. And lastly, congratulations to **Elizabeth Mazza Robertson**, who is expecting in June. It has been a busy year in the baby department!

Tracy Irving Banks wrote that she and husband Mark live in Richmond. Tracy is a high school guidance counselor in Hanover County, and Mark is a Henrico County police officer. Leighann e-mailed that **Morgan Webb Ruby** and husband Greg have a son and live in Charleston, S.C. Their families hope to get together in the spring to attend a golf tourney at Hilton Head. **Catherine Hubbard** lives in Falls Church, Va., and works in D.C. as a Capitol Hill reporter for CCH Inc. She also free-lances on the side for an assisted-living newsletter. Catherine and boyfriend Perry are expecting a baby in April and recently bought a home in Bristow/Nokesville. Catherine stays in touch with **Nancy Myzie Bryce** '88, who is married to Chris and has two daughters.

I got holiday notes from several close friends and classmates. **Jennifer Madison Smith**, husband Tim and son Tyler have moved to the Boston, Mass., area, where Tim works for Fidelity Investments. Jennifer enjoys staying home with Tyler after working several years as a management consultant at Capital One.

Margaret Turpin Bachman, husband Scott, daughter and twin boys reside in Smithfield, Va. Margaret works part time in her field of special education. I stay in touch with **Tina Barnes Garrison**, who lives in Fredericksburg with her husband, Lee, and daughter. And I frequently see **Laura Wallace Louria** '91, whose wedding I was in last November. Tina, Laura and I each separately got to see our friend **Debbie Mullins House** '91 while she and her husband, Todd, were visiting from South Africa. They moved there in September for Todd's job with Capital One.

I also recently spent an afternoon with **Sharon Hess Ackerson** and her 3-year-old son. Sharon, Jacob and husband Doug live in Alexandria, where Sharon sells residential real estate. **Sandra Joyner Williams**, husband Eric and their son live in Burke, Va. Sandra works for a defense contractor and is close to finishing her MBA, as well.

I live in the beautiful Northside of the city of Richmond. Jim Fuller and I were married on the beach at Nags Head in September and managed to dodge hurricanes Dennis and Floyd and even Gert on our honeymoon in the Virgin Islands! I'm heading into my fifth year working at Royall & Company, a direct response marketing agency in the West End. Jim and I want to find time to get a dog!

1991

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I don't really have much new news to report this time, so I will get right to it. **Evan Hart** wrote that he and his wife are living in Knoxville, Tenn., where Evan is trying to finish his Ph.D. in geography and is taking care of their new daughter. **Selina Lewis Colburne** is working at the Dept. of Social Services child care division on the Eastern Shore. She has one daughter and another child on the way. **Lisa Williamson Dargay** and her husband, Jeff, are expecting their second child, too!

Michelle Howe Pearson was teaching in Japan and Thailand on a Fulbright Scholarship. She now lives in Denver with her husband and two sons and teaches in the inner city. **Beth Nystrom Wise** lives in Northern Virginia and works as a physicist at Anser in Washington, D.C. She also recently earned her master's degree in physics from GMU. **Sue Payne Richardson** is working in the management program for Giant. **Kathy Angerer Barton** is an accountant in the Wilmington/Philadelphia area. **Beth Watson Barnes** and husband live on the Eastern Shore, where she is working in insurance and investment.

Susan Gray Herring, her husband and two kids live in Tappahannock, where Susan enjoys her job as a stay-at-home mom. She is still in contact with many former classmates, many of whom she saw at the wedding of her old roommate, **Sandi Hubbard Esposito** in July 1999. She also wrote that **Erin Donnelly** lives in Reston, works at the USGS and has taken up country line-dancing in her spare time.

I hope everyone had a great 1999 and will have an even better 2000. I still commute to D.C. from Fredericksburg every day, and Todd is still at Culpeper High School. His football team (he is offensive coordinator) won the Virginia Division Five State Championship this year! He has also been named the head coach of the varsity baseball team this year and is hoping for a good season. Cody is 2 — enough said, for those of you who have kids! With only one more year until our 10-year reunion, I hope many of you will plan to make that trip back to Fredericksburg and MWC to see how much has changed in the years since we graduated!

1993

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Alisa Ramirez Sposato has been living in Atlanta for the past three years with her husband, Matt. They met at the U. of South Carolina, where she was studying geology. Alisa has begun a new job with the GIS department at the Atlanta office of CH2M HILL. She adds that **Julie Holland Nikonchik** lives in Richmond, and **Lori Stephens Meyer**, **Christine Gilligan Chucri** and **Tara Smith** all live in the D.C. area. Another D.C. resident, **Tammy White** '95, told me that her time is spent working, taking classes at GWU and launching a small editorial-based operation. **Jody Smith** bought her first house in Massapequa, N.Y., and is finishing her teaching administration certificate.

Karen Jones married Chris Jones in September and enjoyed a Caribbean cruise for their honeymoon. She still works at SAIC in Dahlgren and lives in Colonial Beach. **Rob Puterio** still teaches high school in Sterling and is active with their wresting team. Rob adds that he and his wife are expecting their first child in May. **Cynthia Rush Reasoner** tells me that she just moved to Virginia Beach and still works with the special/gifted programs for Hampton City schools. **Cathy D'araujo Taylor** has escaped cold but beautiful Alaska to Christiansburg. Cathy, her husband,

Zach, and sweetie Mindy have been busy finding a place to live, shopping, and visiting Cathy's family in South Carolina. Cathy wrote that **Linda Trotter Hakkarien** and husband Kermit were expecting their first child in February. **Cate Swain DiMisa** and husband Kevin now live in Greensboro, N.C., and were expecting their first child in January. And **Ann Dressler** married her long-time boyfriend, Rob.

Tracy Young Rowland reports that she and her husband, Charles, recently returned from a trip to Quito and the Galapagos Islands. She said that the highlights of the trip were scuba diving with sharks, sea turtles, and sea lions, visiting a giant tortoise farm and seeing a bullfight. They had a bit of a scare when a nearby volcano exploded covering Quito with ash and forcing them to travel eight hours to the nearest international airport in order to return to the U.S.

Congratulations to **Marci Harrison Zehrer** and her husband, Fred, who had their second child in July. **Bill Major** and **Jenny Lentz Major** have moved back to Fredericksburg. Bill is now working for Autometric in Springfield. He noted that he has seen **Matt Mejia** a few times and has heard that **Ross Ramsey** is getting married. Ross confirms that he is no longer a bachelor as he is recently engaged to Lori Boggs of Atlanta! He says that they have a June wedding date and plan to reside in Williamsburg afterwards.

Cheryl Roberts says that she recently moved from Roanoke to Richmond to attend law school at U. of R. She adds that **Erik Wilke** and **Jennifer Wilson** are attending their first year there, as well. **Kim Blair** married **Mark Vosskamp** in October, and **Sarah Cook Nevin** and Cheryl were in the wedding party. Kim finished her MBA at VPI in December. **Lela Baldwin** has moved to Raleigh, where she is a math teacher. Cheryl says that Lela enjoys Raleigh and is happy to be out of Warrenton, N.C. **Amy Cole** is also in Raleigh and works for Preservation North Carolina. **Nancy Columbia Hilbert** and **James Hilbert** are the proud parents of Emily Anne, who was born in September. They have moved from New York to Fredericksburg and are doing well.

Christina Joubran graduated from GMU Law School in May and has begun working in Tyson's Corner. In addition to her career highlights, Christina was married to John Zarou in November. I got a great holiday note from **James Smith** but am not sure what he's up to right now. **Cliff Jordan** wrote that he spent the entire months of December and January preparing for Y2K by partying in Rio de Janeiro. **Anita Essialih** recently returned from a vacation cruise to Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. She continues to work in Culpeper for Congressman Tom Bliley. **Jennifer Malos** is now working for Dominion Semiconductor in Manassas as a photolithography engineer. Last summer she was the maid of honor at her sister's wedding to **Jack Keil** '91. She also helped **Shannon McKenna Brooks** by selling some of her soap at the Gunmaker's Fair in Pennsylvania.

Rich Watson traveled to southern France in August to restore 12th century castles as a volunteer — what a job! He is in the process of planning a trip to Berlin and will finish grad school in May. Rich also reports that after taking a class about French fables and fairy tales, he's never going to be able to read Cinderella without a little chuckle.

Christine Mundt Dawson began a new job working for SoftMed in Bethesda, and she and husband **Eric Dawson** are doing well otherwise. **Mike Newman** is an assistant commonwealth's attorney in Danville, and he and his wife, Amy, are expecting their first child in July. Soon-to-be-uncle **Mark Newman** lives in Virginia Beach and works for Advanta Mortgage. Mark lives one block from the beach and plays a lot of golf with his brother, Kevin. **Abe** and Cameron **Evans**, with their children, joined Mark, Mike and the rest of the Newman family for a week of beach and gold in August. Now that sounds like a vacation!

Elizabeth Bowen Jones and husband Mike celebrated the arrival of their second child in April '99. Since then, they've been really busy with Jared and 2-year-old Michaela. **Brian** and **Whitney Donaghy** have moved again. Brian now works for the Jeckyll and Hyde Club in Chicago, and he and Whitney are always welcoming friends into their spacious 2.5 bedroom abode!

Mike Weil accepted a new job as an associate engineer with the consulting firm Gorove/Slade Associates in Washington, D.C. In his spare time, Mike passed the American Institute of Certified Planners exam and is now a certified urban/city planner. The best news from Mike is that he is recently engaged to Jen Spieler. He tells me that **Bob Himmel** and **Jill Trussell Himmel** '94 are new homeowners in Roanoke, and **Dodd Terry** led his girl's soccer team to the U.S. Youth Soccer Association regional championships in July. Unfortunately, they were defeated in the semifinals. **Tim Landis** took a new job on Capitol Hill working as an assistant director for press and publicity for a senior Republican congresswoman from Ohio. **Rob Whitt** and wife Dodie welcomed their first child in May. Abigail, dad, and mom are doing well. **Inger Brown** recently completed a trip across the U.S. and is now back in Annandale.

Rob Teweles and his wife, **Allison Andrews** '95, are now Charlottesville residents. He works for Lakeland Tours, and Allison works for Value America. **Stacey Freed** continues to work at AOL and live in Reston. She still sees **Kirsten Bensten Thompson** from time to time. Stacey says that Kirsten's Sophia is now 9 months old and adorable! Lastly, **Jennifer Williams-Valqui**, soon to be Jennifer Williams again, is starting her master's degree in physical therapy and continues to dance with the Virginia Beach Ballet.

We all wish the best for **Jen Studt**, who is planning a September wedding to Michael Schimmenti. Jen is still with the Close Up Foundation. **Allison Hight** was married in October to Tom McCue in Alexadria, and **Lori Fitzgerald Louden** with husband Chris, **Kerri Ellis** and **Katherine Ashby** attended the ceremony.

As for myself, the wedding went off without a hitch. Pratt and I live in Palmyra and spend our time working, hitting the gym, and relaxing around the house. All is well with us and back to normal — for now! We enjoyed a busy Christmas with our families and rang in the New Year with a good bottle of champagne.

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From Jane:

Remember those free Mary Wash T-shirts we got on Chamber of Commerce Day during orientation week? Well, by wearing mine to the gym the other evening for African dance class, my eagle caught the eye of **Lesley Stewart** '94, who (little did I know, since I was so thoroughly engrossed in getting my moves right) was dancing at the other end of the room! Lesley is also in N.Y., currently working in PR after a couple of years working for Jim Henson's Muppet Company. Prior to that, she was in film school in Atlanta, where she concentrated on screenwriting. It was nice to catch up with this former Seacobeck bud, and just as nice to know how MWC alums abound here in NYC.

When I'm not dancing to the drums, I am immersed in plans for a summer 2001 wedding to **Joe Banks** '94. We got engaged on the eve of Christmas Eve '99! I am still working in Manhattan for Doubleday, in the cover art department, while balancing free-lance illustration work. It's been lots of fun. Joe is a guidance counselor for Walton Middle School in Albemarle County. He, too, is doing very well and really enjoys the challenging work.

It's always so great to receive unexpected notes form acquaintances I've lost touch with, one of whom is **Maura Payne**, who writes that **John George Gabriel**, formerly of Mercer Hall, moved in summer '99 to the Del Ray section of Alexandria. He is still teaching at North Stafford High School, where he took over the AP English program, sponsors the sophomore class, teaches 10th-grade English, and is the coach of the school's forensics team. In addition to all that, he is working on his master's degree in English at George Mason.

Clay Mihoulides, another former Mercer Hall resident, recently returned from an ancestral tour of Greece with John Gabriel and their cousins. Clay is a translations technician specialist and team manager at Facilicom International, a telecommunications firm in the District. Clay lives in Arlington and per Maura's note, "still plays a heck of a lot of golf."

Joseph Jones left in August '99 for the Peace Corps in Uzbekistan to volunteer as an ESL instructor, teaching English to elementary-school students as well as working with the community to develop and implement activities for the students. Also serving as a Peace Corps volunteer is **Kirsty Morgan**, who is in Kaza Khstar (former republic of USSR) teaching English.

In late August '99, after three years in New York City, where **Lydia Hellrich** worked in the Museum of Television and Radio, an experience she declared "one of the best and most important," she moved up the Eastern seaboard to Boston, where she is the board relations coordinator for the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, serving as the primary liaison between the museum and its trustees and overseers. In addition, she assists the director of development and programs in the administration of the museum's development department. Lydia lives with **Heidi Ashton**, who works for a small college in the language department. **Scott Boileau**, who graduated in '99 from the Army's nurse course, now works in a doctor's office in Reston, Va. He lives with **Mike "Gonzo" Lord** '96 and another friend of theirs. Fellow '95er, **Joseph "Jake" Jacanin**, is now in Brunei, a small country on the island of Borneo in Malaysia, where he is serving as the State Department's point man for the 2000 APEC conference that is scheduled to be held there. Scott also sees **Jon Carter** '98, **Amy Fromm** '98, **Ross Sparacino**, **Lee Mebel**, and **Binger Vaughn** from time to time.

Colleen Egan, after completing her master's in art history from the Richmond School in London, now lives and works at a museum in NYC. Also still in NYC is **Deirdre O'Leary**, who lives with her sister **Julie** '99. Deirdre is finishing her Ph.D. and is teaching at Hunter College. **Susan Currence** '96, who entered with the Class of '95, after spending the last three years in NYC, is now living in Alexandria and going to graduate school at George Washington U., where she is studying

forensic science. **Tom Van Arsdall** '94, M.B.A., continues to work at American Express.

Homecoming '99 gave me the great pleasure of seeing **Sandy Pezzillo**, who was married in September '99. She now lives in Stafford and works as a physical therapist for Spotsylvania County schools. Also in the Stafford area is teacher **Anna Studer**, who lives with husband Scott.

Kristen Barnes, who has been working in Northern Va., since summer '99 for Outreach Technologies doing software testing, relays that **Catherine Potts** is still with Dewberry & Davis working with her maps. Potts was recently in Raleigh, N.C., for several months working with FEMA in response to the terrible hurricanes. Her maps were on display at the N.C. state fair and submitted to President Clinton as advisory aids. **Mary Johnson**, who teaches in Northern Va., is planning an October 2000 wedding to **Dave Kovacs** '94. **Travis Russell** just earned his wings in the Marine Corps and is in Texas flying jets. **Anne Kerr** is at Elon College in physical therapy school. She will graduate in May 2001. **Deborah Rosenkranz** is still working for the Rainbow Station in Richmond. She recently traveled to San Diego, where she saw former *Bullet* reporter and current California girl **Kristen Green**, who writes for San Diego's daily newspaper, the *Union Tribune*, when she's not soaking up rays at the beach, only five minutes away.

Up the coast of California, in San Francisco, when not swing dancing (and she's really quite amazing at it!), **Allison Leeds** recently started a position as senior designer at America OnLine, where she is doing some wonderful work.

Jenn Sycks Glatt wrote to tell me that Laguna Niguel, Calif., continues to treat her and husband **Tom** '94 very well. Tom continues to build the business he started three years ago, where he creates Web sites for credit unions and does financial consulting. Jenn is currently the editorial manager for 1-800-WEDDING, a startup company, and the most exciting news of all is that they are expecting a baby boy in June of 2000!

Amy Bonnes McFarland had a November '98 Thanksgiving weekend wedding to Joseph, a fire claims representative for State Farm Insurance, where she too works as an auto underwriting supervisor. They spent three weeks honeymooning on several islands in the Caribbean! They now live with their dog in West Chester, Pa.

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From Michelle:

Wow! I was so excited about the incredible number of letters and e-mails I received for this *MWC Today* issue. Also, we now have an extensive e-mail list of 1997 alumni. If you want to be on the list, just write. If you are already on the list, please let me know when there are any changes so I can keep it up to date.

We've had a number of MWC graduates flee the coast of our alma mater for adventures further west. **Eric Earling** is working as an outreach coordinator for U.S. Sen. Slade Gorton, R-Wash., just outside of Seattle. He and his wife, Stephani, are the proud parents of 3-year-old Joseph and newborn Sophia. **Keith Apgar** is also living in Seattle and continues to be amazed by the views of the mountains. Keith works for Amazon.com's toy department. He continues to play as much music as possible and just finished a musical called "The Jigsaw Dog," a story of how a cardboard puzzle gets assembled and comes to life after his last piece is put into place. Keep a lookout for Keith's musical.

Jin Wong moved to Kansas City, Mo., in November to take a position with the Kansas City Royals as a scouting operations coordinator. He assists the scouting director in all aspects of the June draft. Jin enjoys life in the Midwest and would love to hear from anyone else who made a similar move.

Robin Birnbaum moved to Flagstaff, Ariz., after she became tired of the crowded, hectic lifestyle of Northern Virginia. She is working as a computer support intern at Northern Arizona U. and taking classes to pursue her master's degree in environmental engineering or computer information systems. **Amy Gatje** lives and works with the Hispanic community in Hollywood, Calif. **Pam Ellison Barr** and **Dave Barr** decided to move to Oregon after their October 1998 wedding. **Kevin Finn** is living in California.

Kari Kulow lives in Alaska now, avoiding moose, learning the six different ways to ski (did you know there were so many?) and is well on the way to getting her pilot's license. Any and all visitors are welcome! She's been trying to convince **Bernadette Russell** to come for an extended stay, but for now, Bernadette is sticking with Cable & Wireless at Tyson's Corner.

Peter Heatley is living in San Francisco continuing his work for Forte Software. He spent New Year's skiing at Camelback in Pennsylvania with **MJ Figel**, **Ryan Preston**, **Matt Sutter**, **Katie O'Leary**, **Amy Mannion**, **Craig Pullen**, **Krissy Jahosky**, **Laurel Fielding**, **Lauren Chadwick**, **Sarah Irely** and **Katy Higgins**. **Ali McEvoy**, **Amy Lapasota** and **Surya Dill** also enjoyed the New Year's festivities with Peter and the gang. Ali is a dancer in a company called Jam Crew, a resident hip-hop company with Joy of Motion Dance Center in D.C. Ali and her company spent the past year performing at Chicago Theater, Kennedy Center and the Jack Guidone Theater of D.C. This year they are expanding an outreach program, working with the D.A.R.E. program by performing and teaching in local schools. Amy is working for the guide dog foundation for the blind in Smithtown, N.Y., as an apprentice trainer. She trains dogs and teaches blind students how to use the dogs. Surya is currently at Stackig Advertising and Public Relations, a McLean agency that works with hi-tech companies. She is an account executive in the PR division.

Our class seems to have a large contingent in the Carolinas. **Meredith Sarda** lives in North Carolina and works at Duke's medical center. **Kristie Fasanaro** is teaching second grade in North Carolina and is getting married this July. **Ally Serio** is in grad school studying geography at UNC/Charlotte. She might be going to New Zealand next semester to study.

Toby Brown and **Nancy Belieu** moved from Vermont to North Carolina. **Joy Hughs** is living in Raleigh, N.C., working as a clinical data associate in the data management division of PPD Development, an international pharmaceutical and biotechnological development company in Research Triangle Park. Her company conducts clinical trials on new drugs for various pharmaceutical companies. Joy is in the department that handles the data before it goes to the FDA.

If anyone is in any trouble out there, you have plenty of alumni you can contact for legal advice. **Alicia Letzo-Granillo** is studying law at the David A. Clarke School of Law in Washington, D.C. She plans to graduate in May 2000 with a J.D. and is taking the Virginia bar exam in July. **Luke Sbarra** is in his last year of law school at Wake Forest and plans to work at a law firm in Charleston. **Kim Hrabosky** graduates from law school at George Mason U. in May. Kim starts work with Wiley, Rein & Fielding in September. **Zach DeVore** plans to attend law school in 2000.

We also have many other alumni who are pursuing their advanced degrees. **Kristen Romano** is finishing her master's in library science at the U. of Maryland. **Judy Rugh** is currently attending the Medical College of Virginia in Richmond to get her master's in occupational therapy. **Jessica Edminston** is also attending grad school in Richmond, where she and **George Forsythe** '96 bought a house. **Jason "Mitch" Tootell** is also living in Richmond.

Peter Sullivan just earned his master's degree in computer programming and is taking a job as a computer consultant for Fuji Allied Kryptic Engineering in Washington, D.C. He and Nadia Fuller got engaged in December. Nadia will complete law school at Georgetown U. later this year.

Lindsay McLeod earned her master's from the U. of Kentucky last December and is now working for the State Department. **Inga Fredland** is finishing her master's in marine biology at Boston U. **Liz Weaver** is working on her master's at GW and is working for the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

Liz Rodriguez lives in Fairfax and is finishing her master's degree in cellular and microbial biology at Catholic U. She also works full time in an infectious disease lab, where she is the supervisor and in charge of research and development. Liz plans to visit Rome next summer as part of a pilgrimage for World Youth Day.

Dan Tobin is still at U. of Michigan. He completed his master's and is going for his Ph.D. **Heather Opie** and **Sarah Meyrowitz** are both studying in Israel. **Erika Ehland** is juggling work and studying for her master's at Temple U.

Working in the educational field was a popular move for our class. **Robin Kozic** is in New Jersey and is now in her second year teaching third grade in Glen Ridge, N.J. **Myronee Simpson** is also working in New Jersey after joining the admissions staff at The College of New Jersey. In addition to her general recruitment responsibilities, she is also the co-coordinator of the merit scholarship program. Myronee resides in nearby Bucks County, Pa.

Annmarie Hirst lives in Leesburg, Va. This is her second year of teaching at Simpson Middle School. She teaches Spanish and is taking a trip to Spain this summer. **Heather Masterton**, in her third year of teaching history at Stafford H.S., lives in Falls Church. **Leigh Ann Werkmeister** is working toward her teaching license for art and performed well in the Richmond marathon.

Bridget Stinger teaches second grade at Wilderness Elementary School in Spotsylvania. She lives in Fredericksburg with **Debbie Fleming** and **Mary Knarr**. Mary is working for Fredericksburg Orthopedics Association as a physical therapy assistant. Debbie began teaching third grade at Hartwood Elementary School in Stafford last fall after returning from Colorado. **Sarah Burgess** also lives in Fredericksburg.

The Boston area is fast becoming a hot spot for the Class of 1997. **John "Sweet Feet" Day** is living in Boston as the head aerobics instructor at Gold's Gym. **Matt "Braxton" Paxton** is traveling the U.S. making deals with a start-up marketing firm. **Jon "Don't tell Toot" Windham** lives in Boston and is a firefighter on the south side of the city. **Kim Wilson** is working with Fidelity Investments and is looking at grad schools. She enjoys living closer to her little sister.

Joe Pierce and **Colleen Minion-Pierce**

both have new jobs and a new home of Millville, N.J. Joe is the coordinator of the Neighborhood Preservation Program in Bridgeton, N.J., and the hearing officer for the city's Historic District Commission. Bridgeton has the largest historic district in all of New Jersey, with about 2,200 buildings. Colleen works for the American Red Cross coordinating blood drives in parts of South Jersey. She is responsible for about 20 blood drives per month, which is a bit more than she was used to when she coordinated them for Circle K back at MWC!

Jean Frey Moneyhon was stricken with back problems soon after graduation and spent the next eight weeks flat on her back in agony. She thought it was from carrying all those books at MWC, but it turned out to be a herniated disc and spinal stenosis. Luckily, surgery and quite a lot of rest has Jean up and running again with her six children and her 4-year-old granddaughter. Jean also keeps very busy with her various volunteer activities with the La Leche League, the local Breastfeeding Task Force, the MediCorp/Mary Washington Hospital Health Care Assembly, the Dahlgren Rescue Squad, and the board of directors for Healthy Families Rappahannock. We can also congratulate Jean and her husband on their 30th wedding anniversary.

Orland W. Gaithe currently works for Northrop Grumman (Logicon) in Dahlgren, Va., as a project manager for Software Quality Assurance. This incredible experience follows other great positions at Syscon, Booz, Allen and Hamilton and BlueCross/Blue Shield. **Cynthia Owen**, in Arlington is an e-business analyst with Cyveillance, an incredible 3-year-old Internet start-up.

Chris Carnahan and **Renee Cline Carnahan** '94 recently moved to Fairfax, Va. Chris is working for the Compressed Gas Association in Crystal City as a committee administrator. Renee is a physical therapist for Stafford County Public Schools. They have a new addition this year — a miniature schnauzer named Kirby.

Some of our graduates are working to protect our country. **Malcolm "Monkey" McKay** is in the South Pacific as a first lieutenant in the Marines. **Aaron Mudry** is in the Air Force Reserves, currently training in Biloxi.

Rebecca Singer started a new job in Atlanta, Ga., as one of the keepers/animal trainers for Yang Yang and Lun Lun, the newest giant pandas from China. They are two of only five pandas in the United States, so it is an exciting time to be in the field.

Tanya Najarian works for American Management Systems as a recruiter. She has been there since October '98. She is still dating **Bryan Smith** '96, who recently became a Fairfax County Police officer.

Julie Newell is still working on Capitol Hill for Rep. Bateman. Her current position led to a fascinating trip to Morocco last spring. **Becky Earle** lives in Rosslyn and works as a legislative assistant for Rep. Frank Wolf. She recently spent 10 days in Ireland and acquired a love for Guinness as a result.

Kathleen Gillikin works for the Baltimore Museum of Art. **Betina Raines** works for the National Business Travel Association. **Kyle Aldrich** and **Chuck Fulton** live in N.Y. City. Kyle works on the stock market, and Chuck is in pharmacuetical sales.

Alanna Weaver is working for Merck. She just finished a microbiology class. Alanna also keeps herself busy volunteering with the Republican party with the 2000 Republican Convention in Philly, taking art classes and modeling for a local artist. Alanna's sister lives in London now, so she's been visiting her.

Communications fields keep many of our classmates well employed. **Artemis Bayati** works in advertising at the *Washington Post*. **Kelly Regan** lives in West Virginia and reports for a local newspaper. **Suzette McLoone** is in Arlington and works at Washingtonpost.com as an editor in the politics section. **Melissa Schreiber** is living in Woodbridge and doing news reporting for Channel 3 cable in Spotsylvania. **Hellie Snyder** is in Washington, D.C., and is living the life of a freelancer, with projects from preservation to Web design. **Maxine Giordano** is working at Global Crossing, a telecommunications company. Last August she found out she was pregnant with twins — a boy and a girl!

Chris "Mooky" Blelloch has been working at MCI WorldCom ever since graduation as a network engineer on the long distance network. He lives in Arlington but works in Ashburn. Chris lives with **Brian Barger** '98, **Craig Siemes** and **Mark Kelaher** '98.

Patrick Lohmeyer lives in Arlington, Va., with **Gus Fritschie** and Jagger, Patrick's dog. Gus is a systems administrator at Rydex Funds, a mutual fund company. Patrick is an international projects officer for a telecom trade association, NTCA. He is responsible for the Philippines and also does work in Africa and Australia.

Greg Toney lives in Richmond and is in the HR department of Capital One. He travels to colleges and universities across the country to recruit for Capital One's IT department. **Eric Pfeiffer** is enjoying a good job and giving his friends and family stock advice. **Catherine Berkeley** was promoted in May 1999 and began working for Onsite Companies, which is part of the Allegis group (formerly Aerotek). **Victor Pope** and **Chris Turner** live in Old Town Alexandria. Chris is with Chubb, and Vic is a recruiter for Don Richard Associates.

Weddings appear to be a very popular way for our class to gather these days. **Allison Enedy** informed me of all the people she saw at **Jackie Curry**'s September wedding. Allison still works at MWC and lives in Fredericksburg. **Hilario Ellis** lives in Springfield and works at MetricVision in Newington. **Nicole Johnson** has moved back to Virginia from Pennsylvania. **Kimberly Wenzel** teaches elementary school and lives in New York City. **Allyson Knudson** recently moved to Richmond and is working on the Bush 2000 campaign.

Anne Waldron married **Rob Hoover** '95 last September with **Vanessa Valley** and **Jennifer Rees** in the wedding. Quite a few MWCers attended. **Jason Terril** is working at Orbital Sciences while he waits to start a job with the government. He also takes Russian at NOVA. **Jon Lewis** and **Rachel Robinette Lewis** are in Virginia Beach and will both be taking classes this spring. **Vanessa Valley**, **Cheryl Duckworth** and **Miki McCoy Merritt** are all teaching in the Fredericksburg area. **Jennifer Rees** is working at the Mountainside and Scotch Plains libraries here in New Jersey while she completes her M.L.S. at Rutgers. **Dave Wrubel** works as a Defense Intelligence Agency demographer and cultural geographer. He is enjoying his recent move to Alexandria.

Becca Harrison married **Kevin Ely** in September, and they are living in Northern Virginia. **Scott Delaney** got married in June.

Stuart Jones received his master's degree in education from Old Dominion U. in Norfolk, Va. Stuart married **Tiffany Hill** '96, who is working on her master's degree in English at Old Dominion. Stuart began his teaching career at the high school he graduated from, Churchland High School in Portsmouth, Va. He teaches social studies there, coaches the boy's JV basketball team, and maintains the school Web site.

Ashley Rogers married **Tim Menninger** '95 last Labor Day weekend. Their reception was at the Fredericksburg Country Club, and despite hurricane Dennis' attempt to rain out the day, it was a great time. Ashley is working as an accountant at Tingler & Miller, LLP, in Fredericksburg. Ashley and Tim live in Fredericksburg, as well.

Seth Churi resides in Virginia Beach, Va., and works for American Golf Corporation. He is getting married in June 2000 to Dawn Mitchell. **Susan Cors** got married last July and lives in the Virginia Beach area. Susan is getting her master's in social work.

Wally "The Streaker" Ferguson recently got engaged to **Megan McDowell** during the holidays. Wally works for Pricewaterhouse-Coopers, and Megan works for AOL. They live in Herndon, Va., with their dog. **Shane Stoots** recently got married and lives in the hills on the outskirts of Richmond.

Margaret Edder married **Brooks Johnson** in August at the Trapp Family Lodge in Stowe, Vt. They live in Chevy Chase, Md. Margaret works for The Barents Group in D.C. **Tara Ayn Bahr** is in Texas and was married in January.

Jamie Simpson began working for American Management Systems as a staff development coordinator in September. She lives in Fairfax, Va., and was engaged to marry **Phil Stoneman** '94 in May '00.

Brad Burch and **Jody Tanner** '98 were married last fall and live in Glen Allen. **Justin Gerbereux** married **Allison** '96 last summer, and they live in Fredericksburg. **Renae Barnes** recently became engaged to **Andy Martello,** and they live in Alexandria.

Molly Strohl married **Hank Henry** '98 last Memorial Day weekend. They had a wonderful outdoor wedding at Belmont. Molly and Hank live in Lake Ridge. **Angela Prien** married Declan Hickey last Labor Day weekend in Liberty Chapel at Fort A.P. Hill. They live in South Carolina.

Tara St. John is in her second year teaching math at Spotsylvania High School. She's engaged to be married in July to T.J. Cantwell, and her bridesmaids include **Jennifer Goldman** '98, **Betsy Kiger** '98, and **Amanda Newman** '98.

Shannon Wergley has had quite a busy year. She was engaged in October 1999 and graduated in December 1999 with a degree in art education from VCU. She moved to Paris, France, in late December to be with her fiancé, Olivier Faure, who is working on his doctorate in immunology in the south of Paris. The wedding will be in States the middle of August 2000 and in France later that month. They plan to live in Paris for three years.

August appears to be a very popular wedding month this year. **Kira Stchur** announced her engagement to Gregg Gerasimon, a graduate of Princeton U. and Georgetown Medical School. The wedding will take place in August 2000 in Princeton, N.J. Among the members of the wedding party are MWC graduates **Crissandra Finno**, **Beth Shultz** and me. Crissie and Beth currently live in Kingstowne, Va., and are both teaching. As for me, I miss planning major events like grad ball, so I'm presently driving Kira up a wall helping her plan the wedding. I travel both personally and professionally, recently visiting Paris and Amsterdam, ringing in 2000 at Disney World, working in St. Louis and spending time with my boyfriend in Minneapolis.

1999

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By the time you read this, it will have been a complete year since graduation, and your first

test out in the real world. After receiving many of the letters and cards from fellow graduates, I can see that our class is doing great! If you don't see your name this time, make sure you drop me a note. I, as well as many of your fellow classmates, would love to know how you are and what you are doing.

In December, around 25 graduates from the Class of 1999, including myself, completed their requirements for receiving their teaching license in the state of Virginia. **Lisa Mueller** and **Corey Sell** landed full-time teaching positions in Spotsylvania County. **Kate Garvey**, **Nate Pipke**, and I are doing substitute work here in Fredericksburg, while **Christine Wiegand** is teaching in Richmond, Va.

The Peace Corps grabbed many of MWC's finest right after graduation. **Brian Straight** is serving in El Salvador, working in agriculture and forestry development. Both in Uzbekistan, **Shannon Maguire** will be teaching English as a foreign language, and **Tamara Hinton** will be working as a business education and development volunteer and teaching economics to secondary and university students. **Hermence Matsotsa** is in Togo working as a community service volunteer, educating the community on sexually transmitted diseases and promoting education and empowerment of girls. **Monique Mitchell** is stationed in Madagascar working as a volunteer with the Peace Corps. I wish all of these Peace Corps volunteers the best of luck and a great deal of encouragement.

While some of our graduates are overseas, many have chosen to move a little further north to Northern Virginia. **Kristin Ruhl** is working with Arthur Andersen, **Supapan Kanti** is working for an accounting firm at Tyson's Corner, **Sarak Ardestani** is working for the Associated Press in D.C., **Kim Klosek** is working for the American Type Culture Collection as a cell biologist in Manassas, **Beth LaMantia** is working as a membership consultant for a private club in D.C. and lives right down the road from **Ed Burrier** and **JT Griffin**, who are working on Capitol Hill. **James Tsantes**, **Karen Applegate** and **Kate Krukiel** also have made a home in Northern Virginia. Kate works for Booz-Allen & Hamilton. While the Peace Corps gained some worthy employees, it has become a running joke that MCI WorldCom will soon be renamed MWC WorldCom because MWC alum are running amuck through the company. **Andrew Rothschild**, **Flora Adams** and **Jay Hartey** are three from our class who are working there and living in Northern Virginia. **Jenny Moss** lives with Kristin Ruhl and Flora Adams and works as an events coordinator for Host Marriott.

In Fredericksburg, some of our alumni decided to remain on campus and become employees of the College. **Steve Charnoff**, **Amanda Craddock** and **Elisa Lambert** are all recruiting hard as admissions counselors. Congratulations to Elisa for her Christmas engagement to **Joseph Tompkins**. He started Air Force officer training school in January. **Katy Buchanan** is hard at work within Residence Life, serving as the graduate in residence for Russell Hall. She is planning to go to grad school in the fall. David and **Nara Thompson** were married in August 1999 at St. Mary's Church, and **Amy Colby** was one of her bridesmaids. Nara is working with the Naval Surface Warfare Center — Dahlgren Division as a computer scientist.

Many alumni decided to spread their wings and travel away from Virginia to start their new lives. **Janet Oldis** pursued a life-long dream and landed a job in New York City. She works in the corporate human resources department of Ziff-Davis, a publishing and media firm. **Katarina Gamage** and **Brian Fletcher** are both arranging international group research seminars for their family-run company, Agrotours Inc., and will be married in May 2000. **Joseph DiRuzzo** is studying at the U. of Miami law school. **Lorie Morin** is putting together plans to open her own bed and breakfast, either in Maine or North Carolina. **Julie McPhilomy** is working as a flight attendant with American Airlines after completing seven weeks of vigorous training in Texas. **Rebecca Williams** stayed in Fredericksburg and is working for the Department of Defense as a wage specialist in the Civilian Personnel Management Service but is constantly traveling around the country for her job. **Mariama Souare** is working in Seattle, Wash., as a claims adjuster with Amica Mutual Insurance Company and seeing the country. In October, she even ran into **Cedric Rucker** '81 in Seattle. What a small world! **Jennifer Flynn** and **Jeremy Duval** live in San Diego. Jeremy is a project manager for The Omega Group, a GIS software firm, and Jennifer is attending San Diego State U. to pursue a master's in urban planning. **Lindsey Morgan** has settled into a job in Richmond, Va., and is working for the state as an auditor.

IN MEMORIAM

We extend our sympathies to the families and friends of the deceased.

Lillie Miller Bristow '26
Fannie Parrott Deale '28
Alice Hancock Moss '29
Helen Whitlock '29
Lucille Hawkins Ferrell '33
Mary Ann Ratner Levy '34
Isabel Grissard '35
Page Whitehead Hladky '36
Elizabeth C. Bartenstein '37
Evelyn Minerva Roper Mitchell '37
Frances Nash Young '37
Etta Turner Love '39
Martha Murray Peck '40
Margaret V. McCulloch Sherertz '40
Elsie Mae Cornwell Ball '41
Lorraine Dove Buglia '41
Margaret G. Price '41
Martha Yoch Roberts '41
Mary Frances Featherstone Ball '42
Mary Brownfield Rosselot '42
Elizabeth Thomas Martin '43
Katherine Dunlap Austin '45
Louise Cornwell Dunnavant '45
Marilyn Kitchen Vick '45
Betsy Hilldrup Morris '46
Love Wohnus Sutphen '46
Clarice M. Locher '47
Mary Stoner Whitlock '49
Jewell Winstead Harper '50
Alice Ponte Woodruff '50
Barbara Rush Engelke '51
Dorothy Maynard Power '52
Suzanne Adams '55
Ann Mawhinney Jarvela '55
Anne M. Miner '55
Nancy Jo Scott Noye '55
Margaret Ferrer Geisler '56
Carol Strusinski Sotomayer '57
Louise S. Ross '58
Regina Burton '60
Mary Ellen Schoenweiss Carter '65
Susan S. Park '72
Kristen W. Hogan '84
Keith LePhillip Johnson '92
Lois Lam Grandle '98

CONDOLENCES

We extend our condolences to those who have lost loved ones.

Kathryn C. Gallagher Spirito '31, who lost her son
Margaret Kirkpatrick Thompson '32, who lost her husband
Miriam Boyer Parson '39, who lost her brother
June Stoll Artunkal '41, who lost her sister
Ruth Henriques Johnson '43, who lost her husband
Barbara Tillinghast Jones '43, who lost her husband
Frances Rector Steagall '43, who lost her husband
Elizabeth Goffigon Johns '45, who lost her son and brother
Marilyn Bennett Blackwell '46, who lost her husband
Anna Brauer Oxenham '47, who lost her husband
Susan Canter '56, who lost her husband
Jane Perlman '57, who lost her mother
Elenor Markham Old '59, who lost her mother
Lois Hartman '62, who lost her mother
Kathleen Sprinkle Lisagor '62, who lost her twin grandsons
Elizabeth L. Andrews '67, who lost her husband
Paula Parker Horton '68, who lost her husband
Patric Link '72, who lost her mother
Carolyn Thomas Block '74, who lost her husband
Kathye Baldwin Geary '77, who lost her father
Tara Corrigall '82, who lost her father
Mona Corrigall Filchock '84, who lost her father
Meghan Baldwin Lau '89, who lost her father
Candace D. Atkins '94, who lost her father
Julie Ross Clark '94, who lost her mother
Rebecca Markham Templeton '95, who lost her husband

Spinning Wheel Boutique

The Spinning Wheel Boutique can help you find that special gift. The Boutique offers a variety of merchandise, featuring the pewter Jefferson Cup, Boston Rocker and Captain's Chair. Gifts are available for purchase at the alumni house or they can be shipped (with additional shipping charge). Add 4.5% sales tax to the price of all items purchased in the Boutique or shipped to a Virginia address. Make checks payable to Mary Washington College Alumni Association, and mail requests to P.O. Box 1315, College Station, Fredericksburg, VA 22402. You can also call the Alumni Office at (540) 654-1011 with your order or fax it to (540) 654-1075 and charge it with your VISA or MasterCard.

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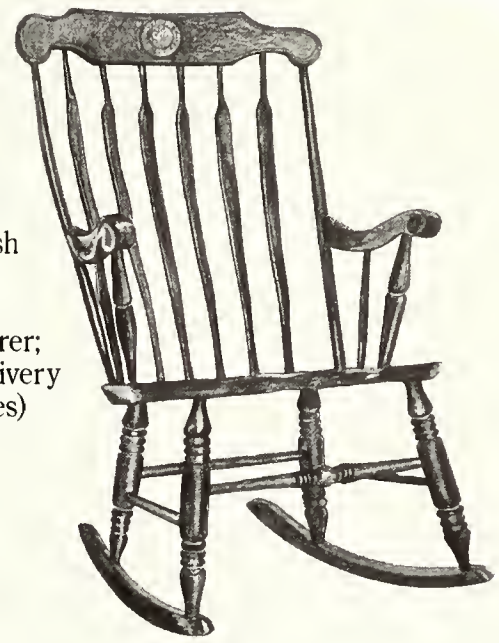

Pewter Jefferson Cup $20.00
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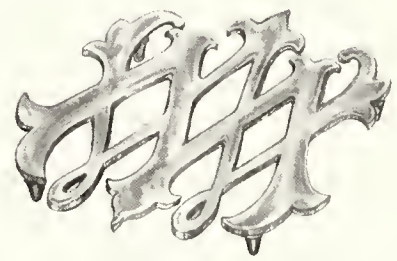

Mary Washington Brass Trivet
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7-inch, $19.00
(shipping $3.00)

Beach Towel $28.50
Navy blue with white embroidered lettering, 36" x 72"
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Captain's Chair $220.00
#342-2108–Satin black lacquer finish with cherry arms
(shipped from manufacturer; allow 6 to 8 weeks for delivery plus UPS shipping charges)

Cotton Canvas Tote Bags
Natural cotton with navy blue trim and embroidered lettering
Small (12" x 14")–$15.00
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Nylon Bags (not pictured):
Large Carry-All, 24" x 12" x 12", $28.50 (shipping $5.00)
Small Carry-All, 19" x 10" x 10", $23.50 (shipping $4.00)
Briefcase, 16-1/4" x 13-1/4" x 3", $28.50 (shipping $4.00)
Garment Bag, 39" $24.00 (shipping $4.00)
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With head of Botswana's military forces and lioness he uses to train anti-poaching patrol